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Where it all began



DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Office of Admissions

Dear Applicant,

The Medical Student Admissions Committee of Drexel University College of Medicine is pleased to offer you a position in the first-year class entering in August 2005. We congratulate you for this outstanding achievement.

We are confident that you will perform well and develop to your full potential in the medical school environment. Your medical education will be a partnership between you and the institution. We share in the satisfaction you must feel at this time and look forward to your future successes.

Your matriculation is contingent upon the successful completion of the academic work outlined in your application. You must inform us immediately of any changes in your academic program and obtain approval for such changes. Required courses cannot be waived.

Information regarding financial aid, orientation, and other services will be sent in the spring. Please note that you can only receive financial aid if you are found to qualify; we do not guarantee financial aid. If you have any questions about the availability of financial aid, call (215) 991-8210. If you have any other questions or concerns, please call the Office of Admissions at (215) 991-8202. Your phone call will be directed to the appropriate office.

Again, the committee and I extend our congratulations to you on this accomplishment and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

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Hahnemann



Founders of
Hahnemann Medical College:
Constantine Hering
Jacob Jeanes
Walter Williamson

October 1, 1848: The Homeopathic Medical College opens its doors for the first time. Tuition is \$140 per student for a 2 year program. There were a total of 7 faculty and attendance was mandatory. Also, each student was required to complete a thesis to graduate. The Medical College was located at the rear of 229 Arch Street in Philadelphia.

1865: The faculty votes to allow women to sit outside lecture halls and listen, but women were not permitted to enroll as students.



1869: The Homeopathic Medical College is re-named in honor of Samuel Hahnemann, a pioneer in Homeopathic Medicine.

1893: Dr. Rufus Weaver received the gold medal at the Columbia World Fair Exhibition in Chicago for his dissection of the human nervous system, affectionately named "Harriet".



1900's: Sports Cry!

Succus, entericus, gastric, bile:
Auricles, ventricles, sigmoid, chyle:

MDC, CCC:

Hahnemann, Hahnemann:

Rah Rah Ree!

University

1928: Greater Hahnemann Hospital, a 738 bed-20 story hospital, currently the South Tower, was built for 2.5 million dollars. It was the first high rise teaching hospital in the USA.

1940: Dr. George Geckler (1919 Alumnus) produced the first phonographic recording of human heart sounds. He also later designed the "walk through heart" at The Franklin Institute.

1941: Women medical students were admitted to Hahnemann Medical College.



"Lady M.D.'s of 44 - Hahnemann's First"



Dr. Charles Bailey

1948: Dr. Charles Bailey (1932 Alumnus), Chief of Thoracic Surgery, performed the world's first successful valvular surgery within the human heart, a mitral valve commisurotomy.

1959: The last homeopathic elective was dropped from the curriculum at Hahnemann. Hahnemann Medical College was the last homeopathic school in the country.

1969: Hahnemann Hospital was the first hospital in the US to install a completely automated Emergency Command System (Code 99 - Cardiac Arrest)

August 11, 1981: Hahnemann Medical College gained University status as Hahnemann University with 4 fully accredited Schools:

- * School of Medicine *
- School of Allied Health
- School of Continuing Education
- The Graduate School



Hahnemann University Hospital

1998: Hahnemann celebrated its sesquicentennial, 150 years of medical education.

Medical College

October 12, 1850: The Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, established by Philadelphia Quakers, opened its doors becoming the first school in the world to offer the medical degree to women. Tuition was \$80 per student for a 2 year program. Classes started for the 8 candidates at the rear of 229 Arch Street in Philadelphia, Hahnemann's old Medical Building.



Dr. Ann Preston

1865: Dr. Ann Preston, Alumnus of first class, was named Dean of the Female Medical College after serving as a Professor of Physiology and Hygiene for 12 years. She was the first woman to become a professor in a medical school and to become a dean of a medical college in the United States.

1867: The Female Medical College of Pennsylvania is renamed the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania in accordance with the popular notion that "female" is an undignified expression.



Anatomy Lab



Clinical Lab in Woman's Hospital



Classroom, 1900

1881: 30 year anniversary

Graduates:

>60% combined general & Ob/Gyn Practices

1.6% Surgeons

4% abandoned medicine for family reasons

33% accepted in medical societies

of Pennsylvania

1929: The Woman's Medical College Hospital was built in East Falls.



1929 Construction at MCP



Medical College of Pennsylvania

1938: Dr. Catherine MacFarlane (1898 Alumnus), Professor of Gynecology, initiates prospective study aimed at determining whether yearly exams of asymptomatic women could detect early cervical cancer. She received considerable acclaim and was published in JAMA and The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

1969-1970: The Board of Corporators approves the admission of men after a heated debate. The Woman's Medical College was subsequently renamed Medical College of Pennsylvania.

1971: The nation's first postgraduate training program in Emergency Medicine is initiated under David Wagner, MD at MCP.



First-year students in a PIL session
guided by Dr. Puglia

1992: MCP offers a new problem-based curriculum, the "Program for Integrated Learning". At the time, it is the only such curriculum among the Philadelphia Medical Schools.

2000: The Medical College of Pennsylvania celebrates its sesquicentennial.



"The Woman Physician"

The Honored History of Drexel University College of Medicine

1850

The Female Medical College



1867

Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania



1969

Medical College of Pennsylvania

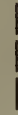


1992

MCP-Hahnemann School of Medicine

1969

Medical College of Pennsylvania



1869

Hahnemann Medical College



1982

Hahnemann University



2002

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Aesculapian: What Does It Mean??



So, you've just opened the first pages of your beautiful new 2009 yearbook, and you must be wondering, "What kind of name is The Aesculapian? How do I pronounce it? And what in the world does it mean?"

Aesculapius: as-klee'-pee-uhs

Actually, the origin of the title is both fascinating and very appropriate for a yearbook that commemorates the many wonderful medical school memories of Drexel University College of Medicine 2009 graduates.

The word "Aesculapian" refers to a very important demigod in Greek mythology, **Aesculapius**. According to a legend, Aesculapius was the son of the god Apollo and the nymph Coronis. Apollo saw that his child was educated by the centaur Chiron, who taught Aesculapius to become a skillful Greek healer. In fact, Aesculapius became so adept in surgery and in the use of medical plants, that he was frequently referred to as "**the god of medicine and healing**." Shrines and temples, at which the sick would worship and seek cures for their ailments, were erected throughout Greece.

Aesculapius had two daughters who helped tend the ill at the temples; Hygeia and Panacea. Hygeia whose name meant "health" is reflected in our modern word "hygiene". Panacea's name meant "all-healing".

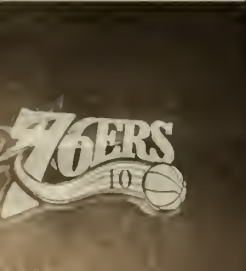
It was reported that Aesculapius believed snakes to be sacred and powerful symbols of healing, and kept the serpents at his temples. The wooden staff of Aesculapius, always bearing a coiled serpent, soon became the traditional symbol of medicine, health, and wisdom still used today. The symbol today is referred to as the **caduceus**.

What became of Aesculapius? Unfortunately, some feared Aesculapius' healing power. Most notably, Hades, the god of the Underworld, feared that Aesculapius could restore the dead to life with his powerful healing arts. After Hades shared his concern with Zeus, who also feared the possibility that Aesculapius could transform humans into god-like immortals, Aesculapius was struck with a mighty thunderbolt which ended his life.

Although Aesculapius met an unfortunate end, have no fear; his legend will endure. As we graduate from medical school, we will continue to foster the tradition of Aesculapius, learning and practicing the healing arts of medicine.



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St. Peter's Hospital



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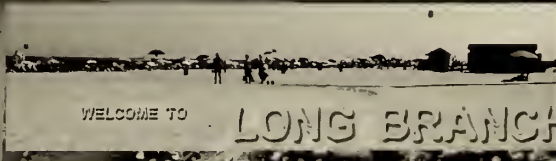
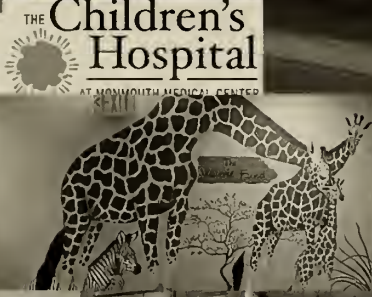
The Children's Hospital
at Monmouth Medical Center
Saint Barnabas Health Care System

Monmouth Medical Center's designation as a licensed Children's Hospital for Monmouth and Ocean Counties underscores our longstanding commitment to the region's kids. With 140 pediatric specialists, more than 70 specialty and inpatient programs, and the most advanced technology, we've been the regional leader in pediatric care for children of all ages for ages.

In fact, as an academic medical center, we've brought many leading edge pediatric services to New Jersey and the area. We're proud to include the new Level II National Intensive Care Unit (NICU), the first one in N.J., in the state. Ocean County's first Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and the first one in N.J., in the state. Ocean County's first Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and the first one in N.J., in the state. Ocean County's first Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and the first one in N.J., in the state.

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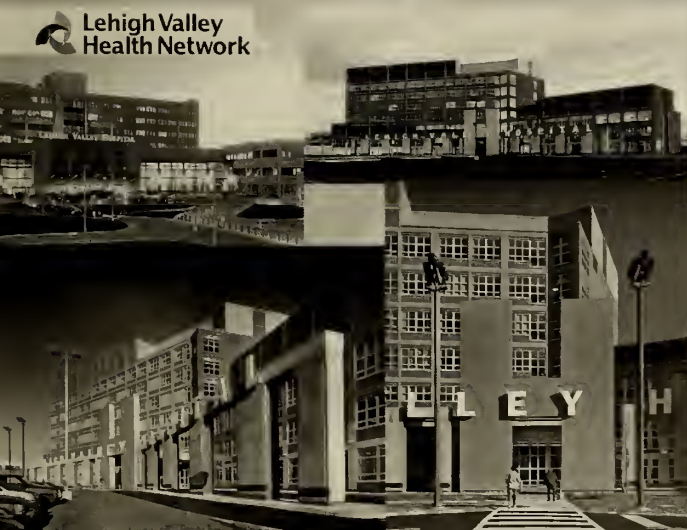
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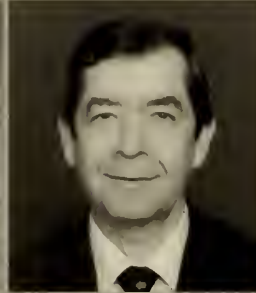
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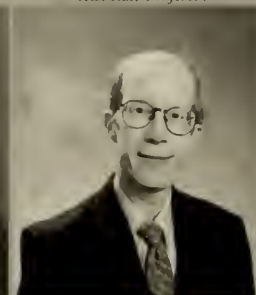
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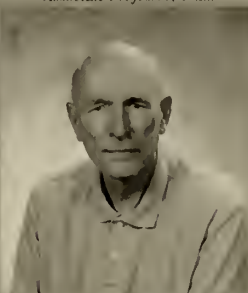
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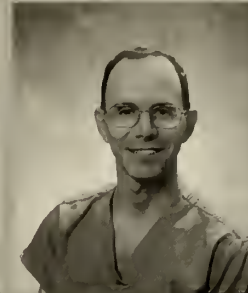
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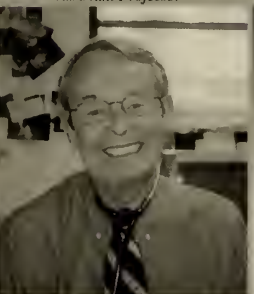
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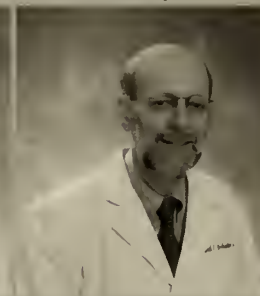
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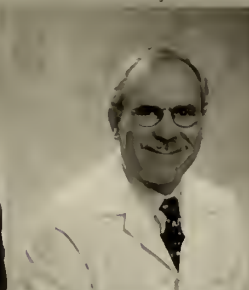
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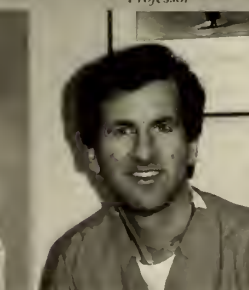
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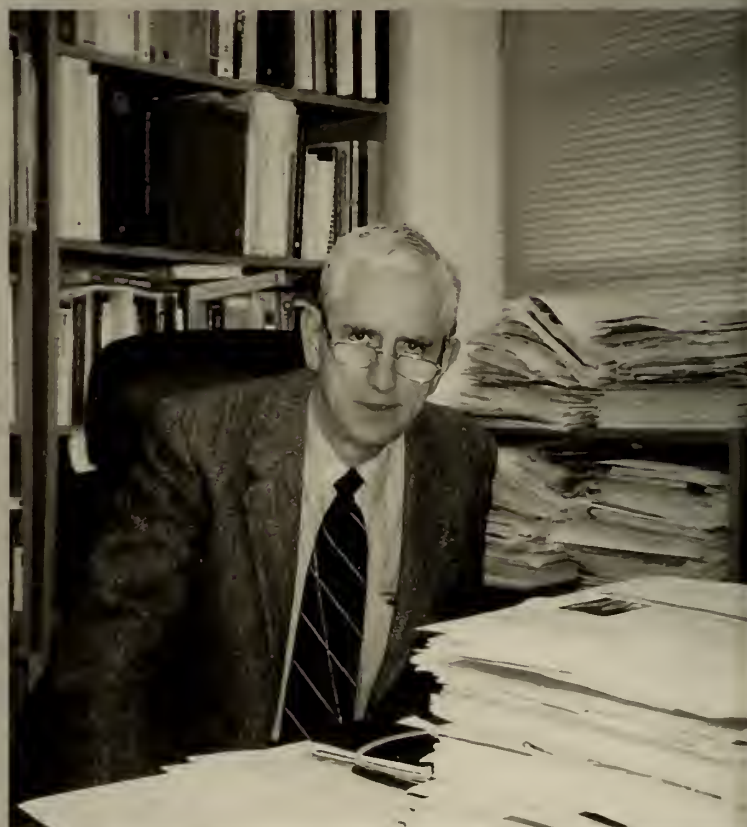
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"We love you and we wish you well."

--Dr. Barnes, in the last clinical correlate lecture of first year

"It has no partner to play with...so it plays with itself."

--Dr. Akhil Vaidya, on the Y chromosome

"There are only so many words I can remember in a given time. You can't use that excuse."

--Dr. Hirsch

"Understanding anatomy: you think you do, but then, you don't."

--Dr. DePace

"I'm not trying to teach you the material, so much as inspire you to know it."

--Dr. Pamela Duke

"As you'll see, my way's perfect."

--Dr. Robert Moreland

"Get wine and get down with these graphs."

--Dr. Gordon Lutz, in reference to his action potential graphs

"Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside."

--Dr. Swaney

"It is pathologic to be single...if you are an epithelial cell."

--Dr. Hanau

"The brain, obviously, is contained inside the head bone."

--Dr. DePace

"Discovery is seeing something everybody else has seen, but thinking something no one else is thinking."

--Dr. Barnes

"The Med Student Code of Honor: Never admit you've been taught anything."

--Dr. Hanau

"The Intern Syndrome: You're so used to being tired, you don't know what it's like to be normal."

--Dr. Joanne Getsy

"Men are carriers of all things bad."

--Dr. Jonathan Andlik

"If you would be so kind as to donate one of your kidneys to me, I would reject it."

--Dr. Larson

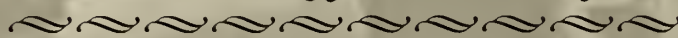


2005-2006

Golden Apple Award for Excellence in
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IFM - Dr. Janet Smith, Department of
Neurobiology & Anatomy

PIL - Dr. Jed Shumsky, Department of
Neurobiology & Anatomy



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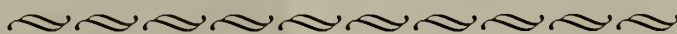


2006-2007

Golden Apple Award for Excellence in
Teaching

IFM - Dr. Cheryl Hanau, Department of
Pathology

PIL - Dr. Charles Puglia, Department of
Pharmacology & Physiology





2007-2008

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Attending Physician

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Dr. Stacey Smith - Medicine, Lehigh Valley

Dr. Sunil Verma - Psychiatry, HUH

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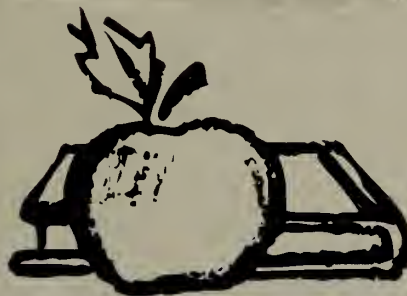
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Dr. Christopher Cielo - Pediatrics, St. Christopher's Hospital

Dr. Mark Hennon - Surgery, AGH

Dr. Yusef Morant-Wade - OB/GYN, HUH

Dr. Elie Soussan - OB/GYN, HUH



2008-2009

Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching

Attending Physician

Dr. Amy Fuchs - Medicine, HUH

Dr. Laura Smals - Pediatrics, St. Christopher's Hospital

Dr. Christopher Bonnett - Medicine, AGH

Dr. Rosemary Harris - Family Medicine, Warminster

Hospital

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Resident Physician

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Dr. Alex Poor - Surgery, HUH

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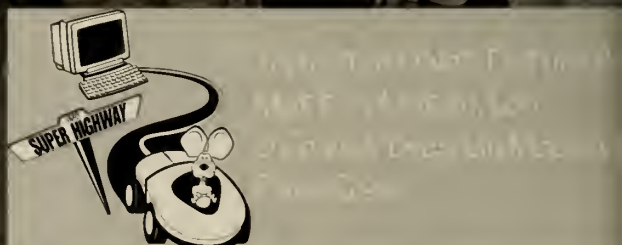
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Class of 2009





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Thank you to my wonderful husband and family for all the support they have given me over the years. I absolutely could not have done it without you. Thank you to airports, Priceline, and Amtrak, and my Jetta - we've spent a lot of time together! And thank you to my family in Philadelphia as well, who made me feel welcome and helped me so much, from apartment security issues, to good food, and a place to sleep when I needed one.



Lubna Qazi Abdullah, M.D.



Ade T. Adedeji, M.D.

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Chelsea Park, London

Sir Isaac Newton is attributed with saying, "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants," in a letter to one of his colleagues, sometime around 1676. All that I have achieved in completing medical school has been accomplished by standing on the shoulders of my giants, my family. They have given me constant inspiration to go as far as I can to realize my dream. When I could not see the end, they have held me up and said, "look - its on the horizon." And here I am. And so I thank you all.

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-Ade



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It's amazing how fast time has flown by! In the past five years I have lost many loved ones, made many new friends and welcomed many new souls. Thank you to everyone who has supported me and who will be there in the years to come. I only hope I can do the same.



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Philadelphia, PA

Good Luck Class of 2009!



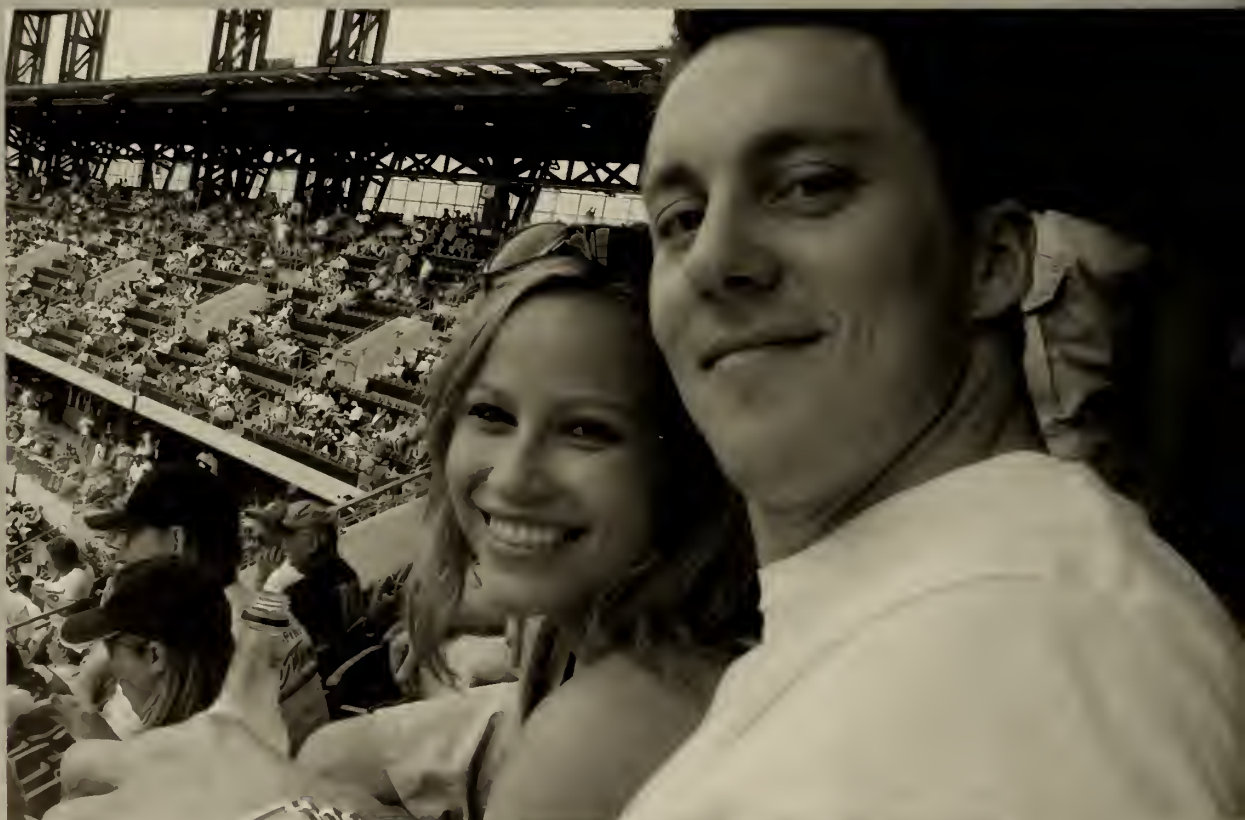
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Dartmouth College, B.A.
Potomac, MD

I would like to thank all of my friends, my family, and my beautiful wife Nika for all of your love and support. I couldn't have done it with out you.

Scott



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Good luck Class of 2009!



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Saratoga, CA

Good luck Class of 2009!



Rashid Altafi M.D.

Megha Ambati, M.D.



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If the only prayer you said in your life was 'thank you,' that would suffice." ~ Johannes Eckhart

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Love,
Megha



Megha Ambati MD

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Thanks to my family and friends for all your support and encouragement.



Raja Anne, M.D.



University of California, Los Angeles, B.S.
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I can't believe it's finally ending after all these years, medical school that is. The ride was fun albeit filled with many nerve-wrecking sleepless nights. I'm not sure if I would have made it through without the help of my family and many friends, and to them I am forever indebted. Mom- what can I say to you that you don't already know? You are my best friend and I would not be half the man that I am without your continued love and support. Dad- I owe everything in my life to you as well, as you have continued to support and believe in all of my endeavors unconditionally. Sudheer and Anil- The best brothers I could ever have hoped for. We have fought and argued more than I can remember, but there isn't a thing I wouldn't do for either of you. Grandpa- The smartest and humblest man I know. You are a model of what all should aspire to be, humble, selfless, and wise beyond your years, and I am honored to be your grand-son. To everyone else, you all know who you are, to list each and every one of your names and why I cherish your friendship would exceed the word limit of this blurb. Rather, I wish you all success and happiness in whatever you do in life. Thanks!



Raja Anne, MD



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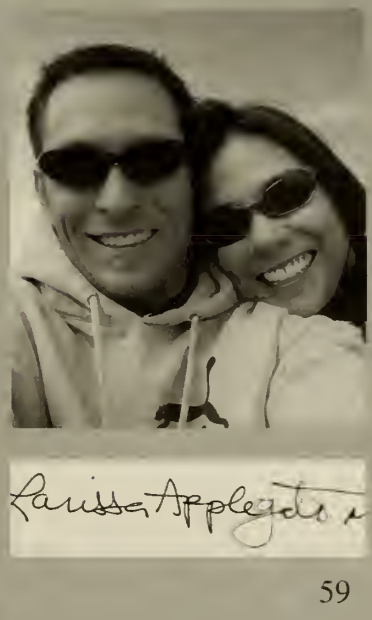
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Congratulations Drexel Med 2009!

To my fellow PILers:
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To my family and friends:
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Larissa Applegate

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Congratulations Drexel Med 2009!



Danielle Barrocas M.D.



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Jo

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."- Albert Einstein



Johanna Vida Basa M.D.

Alyce Belonis, M.D.



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You can take me out of DUCOM, but you can't take DUCOM out of me

Medical school was a time of tremendous personal and professional growth. I will take with me all of the experiences, friendships, and memories that made the past four years some of the most remarkable years of my life.

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Thank you to my friends and family for all their encouragement and support. Congratulations and best wishes to the Drexel Med Class of 2009!



Nina Joelle Breakstone, M.D.



University of Chicago, A.B.
Oceanside, NY, & Sandy Springs, GA

To my friends, family, and more or less every cheesemonger in the city of Philadelphia:

"The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature heals the disease." - Voltaire

Thanks for the amusement. Whatever little sanity I have left is because of y'all.

Love always,

Nina



Sebastian M. A. Brooke, M.D.

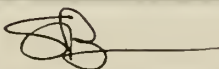
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To Dad, Sandy, Rob, Nicky, Julie, and the rest of my family: Words cannot begin to describe the sense of gratitude I have for getting me through medical school. My accomplishments and successes are a reflection of your love, support, encouragement, and understanding over these past years. I could not have done it without you. I will strive to use the gift of this education to live up to the tremendous standard you have set for me on how to belong to something much greater than myself.

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 M.D.

Melissa A. Burgess, M.D.



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To my family - Thank you for being there for me through the years. Your love keeps me going everyday. Love you all!

To my Drexel friends - Thanks for the great memories! Good luck during internship and keep in touch!

Congrats to the Class of 2009! We did it!



Melissa Burgess MD



Liesl Brooke Carey, M.D.

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Hebron, NH

To Mom and Dad: Thanks for all your love, support, and food throughout these four years.

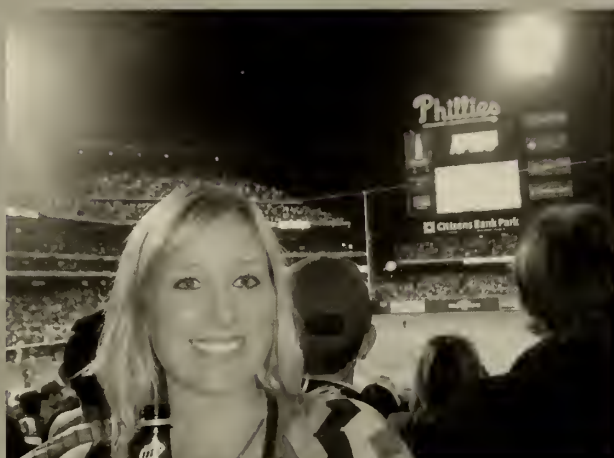
Thanks Doug, for being the best little brother a girl could have, sorry I used to torture you so much!

To my Indian posse: Thanks for making me official. Bubbly for life.

As for all my Canuck friends--I love you all. J'aime McGill!

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.

Dr. Seuss



Liesl B Carey M.D.

Michael A. Chang, M.D.



University of California Los Angeles, B.S.
Studio City, CA

Thank you to my wife, my parents, my sister, and my friends for being so very supportive throughout my life and medical school. Without your support and love I would not be where I am today.



Michael Chang MD



Shin-Bey Chang, M.D.

Univeristy of Pennsylvania, B.A.
Brooklyn, NY

For perhaps the first time in my life, I'm struggling to find the right words to say. With only an hour before the submission deadline, I've conceded that virtually no words can capture the extraordinary emotions I've experienced so here goes

This is truly an amazing moment! I never would have imagined, as a little girl growing up in the Brooklyn ghetto, that my aspirations could be realized someday. Luckily for me, dreams do indeed come true. It has certainly been a long and sometimes painful process, but fortunately also one filled with fun and excitement.

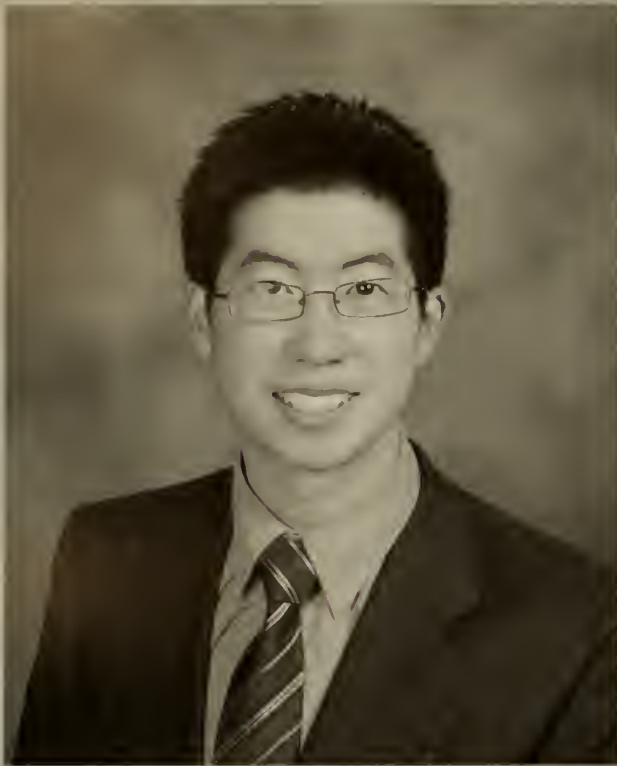
Thanks to my wonderfully unique friends (my crew) for keeping me sane! I will forever cherish the laughs, meals, and various beer themed games we've shared. Above all, thanks for the constant support, encouragement and unyielding faith you've placed in me, especially during those times when I didn't necessarily believe in myself.

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Shin-Bey Chang MD

Brian H. Chen, M.D.



University of California, Berkeley, B.A.
Georgetown University, M.S.
Diamond Bar, CA

Discharge planning: 26 yo M s/p 4 years of medical school discharged in stable condition thanks to support from friends and family. Follow-up with residency director within the next year. Call 911 or proceed to the nearest ER if symptoms worsen.



BH Chen MD

Elbert T. Chen, M.D.

University of Michigan, B.S.
Fort Wayne, IN

To everyone who has shared this incredible journey of intellectual and personal growth with me over the last few years: Thank you for believing in me and standing by me through it all. Your love and support helped amplify the joys, divide the sorrows, and turn the daunting into the doable. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

To the Class of 2009: Congratulations and best of luck in all your future endeavors. Remain true to yourself. Do what you love and love what you do, no matter what life throws at you.

Remember: Following the crowd leads to a life of mediocrity. Following your heart leads to a life of endless possibilities. Following the yellow brick road leads you to a man who lives with little people.



Catherine Helen Choi-McBride, M.D.

Swarthmore College, B.S.
Ridley Park, PA



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and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who gave me life.

Best wishes to all of my classmates who go forth to help
humanity.



Catherine, MD

Elizabeth Mary Clabby, M.D.

Duke University, B.A.
Columbia University, M.S.
Fair Haven, NJ

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Elizabeth Clabby MD

Nadya Andrea Lorraine Clarke, M.D.



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It has been a long journey since I decided to be a doctor back in kindergarten. But my family and friends have supported and encouraged me through all the ups and downs. I owe everything to my parents and my brother, who refused to let me believe my dreams were unattainable. This would not have been possible without you guys and you inspire me to be a better person every day. I hope I have made you proud.

Love always,
Nadya



Nadya Clarke

Chanelle Antoinette Coble, M.D.

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To my savior:

I know that I am nothing without you, but with you all things are possible. Thank you for choosing me.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:6



Chanelle A. Coble, MD

Lauren Croker O'Brien, M.D.

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Andrew - Thank you for being my rock and my comic relief. You're always there for me when I need you the most- thank you for standing by my side for the past nine years, supporting me and encouraging me to succeed. We've experienced so much together during my medical school career- from moving to Philly and then back home to Pittsburgh, adopting Cody and Moose, our unforgettable engagement and finally our beautiful wedding and amazing honeymoon; I'm so happy to have shared it all with you. I love you so much, and I can't wait to see what life has in store for us.

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Finally, good luck to the class of 2009. We've started on an amazing journey and I am proud to be considered your peer.



Emilia Cuneo, M.D.

Christine Marie D'Alleinne, M.D.



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Annandale, NJ

Looking back, the ability to attend medical school was a privilege. I know we all had our share of days where we were tired, frustrated, or angry. But as we continued to advance through the years, each day became easier, each patient encounter more real. In the end, we are really lucky to have had such an amazing class of people, and I am fortunate to call many of you my friends. These four years were a long road, and would not have been nearly as fun without our class. A lot will be changing over the next few months, as we all will branch out and begin the rest of our lives. But we will all always share this crazy medical school experience.



Christine Marie D'Alleinne MD

Lauren Davis, M.D.

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"It's not what happens to you in your life; it's what you do with it!"
CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2009 AND BEST OF LUCK TO ALL!!!



Lauren Davis, MD

Ryan C. DeBlis, M.D.



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Montclair, NJ

FINALLY!

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To all of my classmates - I wish you the very best in your medical careers!



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Meera Desai, M.D.

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Plymouth, MI

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"What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from." T. S Eliot



Meera Desai M.D.

Misha Dewan, M.D.



MIT, B.S.
Yale University, MBA
Rochester, MN

Friends

They hold your hand and a place in your heart.
They keep you from feeling lonely.
They know your deepest darkest secrets and keep them under lock and
key.
They laugh with you and sometime at you.
They cry with you.
They do anything to make you laugh.
They love what you love and hate what you hate.
They understand you no matter how strange you get.
They accept what they don't understand.
They stand by you always.



Misha Dewan M.D.



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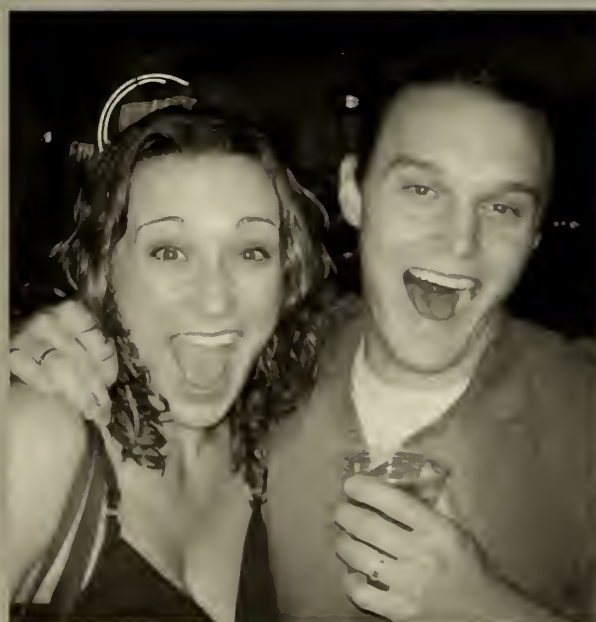
om and Dad, for always pushing me to be my (good, better) best. I wouldn't be here without your support, or your trips by the reservoir I love you.

rent, for helping me with life when I have absolutely no clue, and for being a little brother to look up to. It has been nice being only a short drive away from you for the last four years. One of these days we will drive across America (in the family truckster) and say Grace in every state along the way. Roll 'em up! Love you, brotter.

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Ryan, for making me laugh and smile every single day. I am the luckiest. I heart you.

Congratulations, Class of 2009! Thanks for the memories...



Blair Dickinson, MD

Amanda Marie DiNofia, M.D.



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Drexel Hill, PA

Mom, Dad, Melissa, Laura, and Rob, thank you for all your unwavering support and encouragement during this journey. You have kept me happy, grounded, and well-fed! Peter, Sophia, and Frankie, you bring great joy to my life. To all the wonderful friends I have met throughout these four years: You have made this process so memorable. May all your personal and professional endeavors be fulfilled.

"Real success is finding your lifework in the work that you love."
David McCullough



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Larissa N. Dobransky, M.D.

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Thank you to...

My parents for always teaching me to follow my heart, for never allowing myself to abandon my dreams and for always providing me with the support to overcome any obstacle that was placed in my path. Daddy, you are everything I want to be as doctor and as a person. Mama, you are the strength that holds me together and I dream to be for my children, the mother you were for us.

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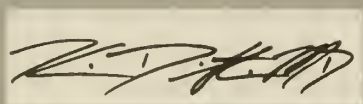
Kim Richards Driftmier, M.D.



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Bellevue, WA

It doesn't matter what one reveals or what one keeps to oneself. Everything we do, everything we are, rests on our personal power. If we don't have enough personal power, the most magnificent piece of wisdom can be revealed to us and it won't make a damn bit of difference.

-don Juan



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First, thank you to my parents for all the support you gave on my journey to and through medical school.

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Most of all, thank you Tara! You have been my confidant when I felt burdened, my inspiration when weary, my anchor when unsteady, a true friend and a loving wife. I have been lucky to have you by my side during these four years and I continue to count myself lucky as we go forward together. I love you!



Tim Ewald M.D.
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Keri Nakao Fugarolas, M.D.



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Newtown, PA

It is an accomplishment to have made it this far and to look forward to a promising future, but I know that all of this could not be possible without the love and support of my family. Thank you to my parents, Robert and Marjorie, for their wisdom and guidance; to Steven, Lara and Lindsey for their friendship and company; and to my loving husband Jordi who has been by my side every step of the way. To all of you I dedicate this achievement.

No matter what he does, every person on earth plays a central role in the history of the world. And normally he doesn't know it.

-Paulo Coelho

Good luck to all of us. No matter where we will be or what we will be doing, we will be making our impact on this world, one patient at a time.



Keri MD

Michele Akemi Fujimoto, M.D.

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San Francisco, CA

Thank you family and friends for all your love and support, can't believe this day is finally here!

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. Mother Teresa



Michele Fujimoto, MD

Alexandra Gangi, M.D.



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Van Nuys, CA

First and foremost, I would like to thank my Mom and Nana. They have struggled and stood beside me when I didn't think I could take anymore and they have celebrated every one of my tiny successes with tremendous joy. They are a constant source of inspiration and love and I cannot imagine a life without them. Mom and Nana, this M.D. is just as much yours as it is mine. I love you so much!

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To the girls, I hope we share many other journeys together, because without you by my side, this would have been a gruesome and much less memorable journey. Thank you for becoming family! To many movie nights, wig nights, ugly sweater parties, dinners at momma D ... and many many more memories

To the class of 2009, congratulations and to many future successes to you all!



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...had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things." - Leonardo da Vinci

I agree wholeheartedly, however, I also believe that most of those people could not have made their accomplishments without some sort of a support system. Personally, I have many people to be grateful for as I advance upon my formidable goal of completing medical school. I am blessed with wonderful parents, Fariba and Dariush, whom I admire incredibly, and whom I can't thank enough for their unconditional love and support throughout my life. I have a caring, kind-hearted brother, Ariyan, who is dear to my heart and who has helped me become the person I am today. I've been lucky enough to have amazing friends who have seen me through good times and bad, and educators and mentors who saw the potential in me and invested their time to help build my foundation of knowledge.

After four years at Drexel I have not only learned about medicine, but also about myself, and it has been an unforgettable experience that I will always cherish. Now, I am ready to move on to the next phase of my life with confidence and excitement. Best of luck to each member of Drexel Med's Class of 2009!




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To all my family and friends:

Thank you for all your love and support in helping my dream come true.
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in me and for always being there when I needed you. I would also like to
thank my brothers and sister for always keeping my spirits up!



Eric Ginsberg, M.D.

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University of Kansas, B.S.
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To my friends and family:

You have all had a hand in who I have become and what I have accomplished. Thank you.

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Some have been concerned that all I do is study and I've done my fair share - but I've also gotten to fill some other roles these last four years!



Skier



Pie Maker



Beach Bum



Photographer



Tourist



Student Doctor

Shauna Leigh Guthrie

Paul J. Han, M.D.



Johns Hopkins University, B.A./M.S.
Los Alamitos, CA

Thanks mom and dad for your constant support and prayers during these last four years, and sacrificing so much of your lives for me to even have the opportunity to receive so much in this country.

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I am not what I want to be
I am not what I ought to be
I am not what one day I will be
I am not what I was
But by the grace of God I am what I am
- John Newton

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
- Jesus Christ



Paul J. Han, M.D.

Jennifer Catherine Hanson, M.D.

University of California Berkeley, B.A.
Martinez, CA

did it!!!

praise God for his abundant blessings! I am so thankful for the loving support of my family who have stood by and supported me these past few years. My parents never faltered in their encouragement and my sister came to my aid in a great time of need. Thank you. I love you all.

my loving and devoted husband who was there by my side as my rock - I never would have made it without you. Thank you for never giving up on me, for being my shoulder to lean on, for being my strength when I was weak, for making me laugh when my heart was breaking, and for being my best friend. I love you mucho mucho, with my whole heart.

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be tired." Isaiah 40:31
rem ipsum dolor est



Jennifer Hanson MD

John Paul Henao, M.D.



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"I don't know where this path will end, but I do know where it begins."

As I go forward not quite sure what the future will bring but excited nonetheless to see what may be, I know that the real joy in my life will be from the moments shared with family, friends, and loved ones. I feel very blessed and I wish to thank everyone for their endless love and support, without which I could never have accomplished the dreams that I have realized thus far.



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Boston University, B.A.
Boston University, M.A.
Smithtown, NY

Congratulations
to the
Class of 2009!



Matthew Biros Hirsch, M.D.



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Thank you Mom, Dad, and Dan for being the most wonderful people in the world. Without your love, support, and encouragement, I would be nowhere. Thank you to Baba, Papa, and the whole family for supporting me and always being interested in my career. Thank you to all the professors, attendings, and residents who taught me. Thank you to my classmates for being great people and great friends. I will miss you. Best wishes to everyone.

--Matt

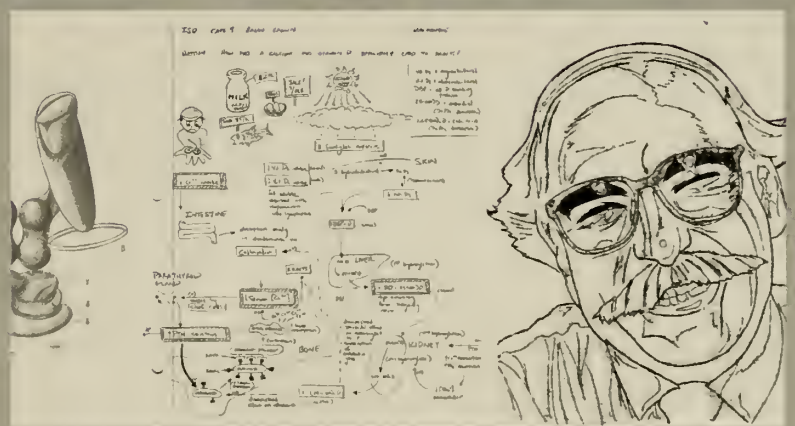


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Boston University School of Medicine, GMS, MA
San Ramon, CA

COM PILTT: The Sub-Culture of the Bottom of the Rankings (Commentary by Marshall Lee)

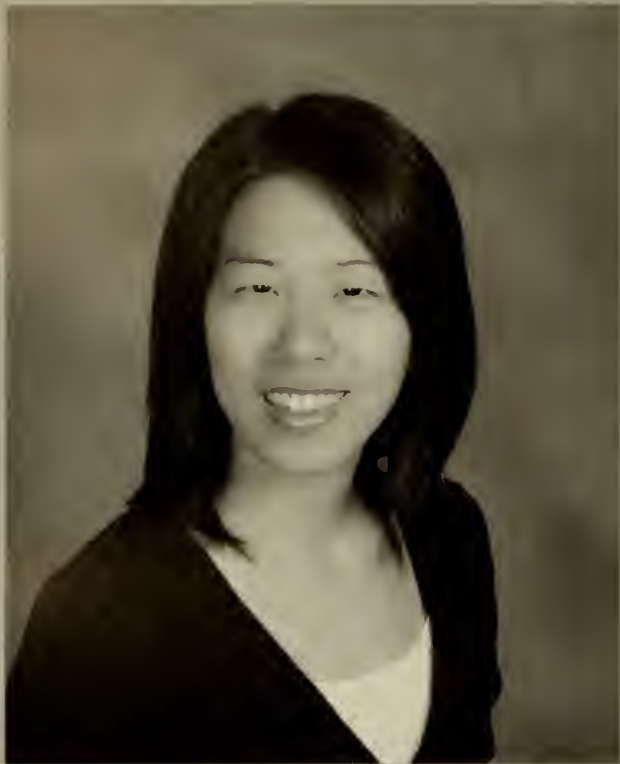
1 Ho vs. #19 Betty Tsang
will annoint this as "The Dirtiest Game Ever Played." Notice, Jon does not have a ranking next
his name. Pre-game, Jon hides all the paddles on Centre Court save two: a decent paddle,
d one of those wood blocks. Pre-game2, during lunch, Jon slips some pills into Betty's H2O.
ill pre-game, Jon realizes Betty is sportin' her trendy clothes with heels. Game-time, Jon
is Betty into a challenge. Betty assuming they are just playing for fun. Betty is feeling a
le woozy from her H2O, Betty is wearing heels, Betty is playing with the wood block. J Ho
is in his inaugural game of DUCOMPILTT. All the while, Garrett is watching realizing what is
opening to his friend, Betty Wu-Tsang Clan leader. "The Lifeguard", name is so much more
appropriate now, came to the rescue to come to the aid of the victimized.

O The Lifeguard vs. #19 The Dirty-Doer
e Lifeguard handed it to the Dirty-Doer in a 11-4, 11-2 trouncer. Ho counter-challenged only
suffer an equally humiliating 11-4, 11-3 loss at the hands of The Lifeguard. Post-game, The
eguard: "Betty, are you ok?" Betty: "Thank you for coming to my rescue, Garrett." (lights
le, curtains close...)



J.H. MD.

Cynthia Hsu, M.D.



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North Wales, PA

I thank God for the privilege to study medicine, for my parents, sister, fiancée and friends who supported me through it all and believed 5 years ago that I would arrive at this point.

Jo 14:1.



Cynthia Hsu
MD

Natalie C. Huang, M.D.

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To my family, thank you for all the support and encouragement. I definitely would not have made it this far without you all!

To my friends and classmates, thanks for all the memories! These four years flew by and I would not have changed a thing.

Good luck and take care!



Natalie C. Huang M.D.

Andrea K. Huber, M.D.



UCLA, B.S.
Tustin, CA

We did it!!

Congratulations to the class of 2009!

To my family, thank you for all of your constant support, encouragement and love. I couldn't have done this without you.

To my friends, from Cali to Philly to the 'Burgh and elsewhere thank you for being your awesome selves. You have made the past 4 years fly by and I look forward to many more years of friendship. I love you guys!

Go Steelers. Go Pens.



Andrea Huber MD



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Subjective:
20-year-old male with no significant past doctoring history, seen today for graduation. Patient complains of 10 years of generalized pain, 10/10, non-radiating, worse at exam time and relieved with rest; fatigue, worse during the week; and increased stress. Symptoms have improved since end of school year.

Objective:
AVSS
General: awake, alert, disoriented
ENT: (+) conjunctival injections
Cardiac: (+) palpitation
Lungs: CTAB
Abdomen: soft, NT/ND, girth has varied over past several years

Assessment/ Plan:
Patient has recently completed medical school, symptoms as expected
Education: residency training, prepare for lifetime of responsibility and hard work
VTE prophylaxis: encourage out of library
Diet: regular; advised to stop caffeine binges
Consults: psych
Dispo: d/c after graduation
V/C instructions: take time off and recharge for internship

Recommendation:
Patient wanted to give a special thanks to all my friends and family for all of their support. Good luck to everyone in whatever you do. My hope is that you find your inspiration and continue to have the same passion for being a doctor that you had when you started medical school.



Peter J. Hurh, M.D. 103

Lucy H. Huynh, M.D.



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I am so, so grateful for all the wonderful people in my life.
Thanks Mom and Dad for all you have done. Your love, trust and support has always been there for me. I could never have achieved my goals without you.
Thanks Richard for putting up with me. I have the best brother in the whole world!

Thanks Phil for standing by my side all these years, we have grown and learned so much together. Thank you for always pushing me, I am a better person because of you.

Thanks to my girls back home. Always there for me, always ready to pick up where we left off, just like the annoying, loud sisters I never had.
To my friends here, my family away from home, we have been through so much together in the last four years. The dinners, the laughs, the pictures. Thank you for all the great memories and for making medical school a wonderful experience!

Thank you all!



Lucy Huynh MD

Mehraneh Dorna Jafari, M.D.

University of California, Irvine B.S.
Orange County, CA

n the memory of my grandmother without whom I would not have been able to achieve my dreams. Thank you to my dad, mom, Fariba, uncles, aunts and cousins whose support have always gotten me through the hard times. Thank you to my friends who became my surrogate family. To the memory of late nights in the study lounge, 'the slap test', napoleon dynamite, snow fights, Mama D's Mediterranean cuisine and our new friend dunkin' donutscrack! Without you guys life would be sooo mundane! Always and forever your friend--Dornita Lopez, aka lupe, aka D, aka the Jaff (& whatever else nickname you chose to call me throughout my stay at DUCOM). It's been anything but dull!



M Jafari MD

Lisa H. Jambusaria, M.D.



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Sherman Oaks, CA

Thanks, appreciation, love, my all and who I am to my mom and my dad who have the strength of mind and selflessness that I can only hope to express a fraction of.

As if all your life you had been led by the hand like a small child and suddenly you were on your own, you had to learn to walk by yourself. There was no one around, neither family nor people whose judgment you respected. At such a time, I felt the need of committing yourself to something absolute life or truth or beauty-of being ruled by it in place of man-made rules that had been discarded. You needed to surrender to some such ultimate purpose more fully, more unreservedly than you had ever done in the old familiar, peaceful days, in the old life that was now abolished and gone good." Boris Pasternak, Doctor Zhivago

Hold out a branch and it is mine.
If this branch is mine then so is this trunk
and the roots and the ground it grows on
and the earth of the ground to which it belongs.
It is all mine.
Find your own.

All beings tremble before violence. All fear death. All love life. Buddha

From beasts we scorn as soulless,
In forest, field and den,
The cry goes up to witness
The soullessness of men.
~M. Frida Hartley

Lisa: "Do we have any food that wasn't brutally slaughtered?"
Homer: "Well, I think the veal died of loneliness."
~Matt Groening, The Simpsons



Lisa H. Jambusaria, M.D.

Adam Franklin Jester, M.D.

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Moorestown, NJ

Thank you Ian for challenging me to succeed. I would like to thank my family and friends for their support and encouragement during the last four years.

'A box of rain will ease the pain, and love will see you through.'
Grateful Dead



Adam Jester MD

Brent Michael Jewett, M.D.



Muhlenberg College, B.S.
Frederick, MD

Mom - Thanks for always being so involved. Your critical attention to detail will forever inspire me as a physician. I hope that someday I will have enough medical experience to actually make you listen to my advice.

Dad - Thanks for always being supportive. Your influences were half the reason I got into this mess in the first place. Thanks to you, I will forever show up ridiculously early to everything. I hope I make you proud.

Scott and Richard - Thanks for putting up with a brother who thinks he knows everything. Both of you will undoubtedly be extremely successful in whatever you choose to do. I will always be there for each of you.



Brent Jewett MD

Melissa John, M.D.

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Yardley, PA

It has been a long road and I still can't believe we are at the end. Thank you to my family, my friends, and the Class of 2009. Good luck with all of your future endeavors!

"When you're young, your whole life is about the pursuit of fun. Then, you grow up and learn to be cautious. You could break a bone or a heart. You look before you leap and sometimes you don't leap at all because there's not always someone there to catch you. And in life, there's no safety net. When did it stop being fun and start being scary?"

~Carrie, SATC



Melissa John, M.D.

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Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

Helen Ke

I would like to thank my mother for teaching me valuable lessons both through her life and with her death. She has given me the inspiration and strength to reach my lifelong dream of becoming a physician.

I want to thank my husband, Sanj, for giving me courage to leave my job and take the MCLE. You have always believed in me and for that I am forever grateful.

I would like to thank my family for always being there for me. Dad, thank you for teaching me to be independent. And yes, I do expect a hug on graduation day! Vina, I admire your 5 years of hard work in Africa, but Dad is getting mad so please come back home! Sara, finish school so that you can manage my practice. Finally, I advise my little brother Anil to follow in my footsteps... don't let Sara or Vina change your mind.

Finally, I would like to thank my friends for all of the good times. You have made the saying 'work hard, play hard' a reality for me! These four years will never be forgotten.

Thanks you nerds



Radha Juneja M.D.

Paulomi N. Kadakia, M.D.

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Dear Mom, Dad, Paayal, and Ajay,

Thank you for your love and support throughout medical school.

Dad, your thoughtful words have provided guidance and motivation. Mom, your optimism has provided perspective and enjoyment of life's pleasures. Paayal and Ajay - your stability has provided me strength, but I am most grateful for Rani and Krishna!

Love,
Paulomi

"Dreams pass into the reality of action. From the actions stems the dream again; and this interdependence produces the highest form of living."



Paulomi Kadakia MD

Joon Yi Kang, M.D.



University of Pennsylvania, B.A.
Seoul, Korea

Thank you mom and dad! Mommy- you have always been my hero and idol, thank you for having faith in me when I did not. KRK & HRK- I love you both! Jonathan- I adore you, my little evil duckie! Words can't express how I feel about u. Medical school would not have been possible without my friends- M for listening to my daily chats, AS for never losing the ability to make me laugh, AD my best friend from day 1, CL my shopping and study buddy, CK for keeping me on my toes, ML the sister I never had, R & random get together and the rest- you know who you are!

"Make it a practice to be true to a higher dream, bound by a greater purpose and fulfilled by a destiny that to you is not yet fully understood. Never lose sight of that ever persistent march of time: revere yesterday, plan tomorrow, but live today. Understand that you have already come too far to disdain your future now."



Joon Yi Kang MD

Madhury Yasmeeen Khan, M.D.

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cannot believe how fast the last four years of medical school have flown by...It seems like just the other day that I was sitting at the white coat ceremony, attending orientation and doing a background check on my new roommate! I feel truly blessed to be where I am today. Nothing can be possible without God, and to Allah (swt) I will be forever grateful. Next would be my parents and siblings, who have been my constant source of support, encouragement and understanding through the many different paths I have taken. Life would definitely not be the same without my best friends, Lia and Anu, and my roommate, Lisa. Although med school was challenging, the friends I met made a tough time fun and enjoyable. I wish everyone the best of luck in the future! Go Class of 2009!!

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others. -Audrey Hepburn



Madhury Yasmeeen Khan

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I would like to thank my parents for their enduring example,
My sisters for their resplendent grace,
My closest friends, near and gone, for the joy of their companionship
And those distinguished ones whose work makes
Clarity and perfection seem fleetingly attainable.



The
Old Curiosity Shop
immortalised by
Charles Dickens



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It's been a great four years~!

Thanks Mom and Dad for your support.

Good Luck to the Class of 2009!



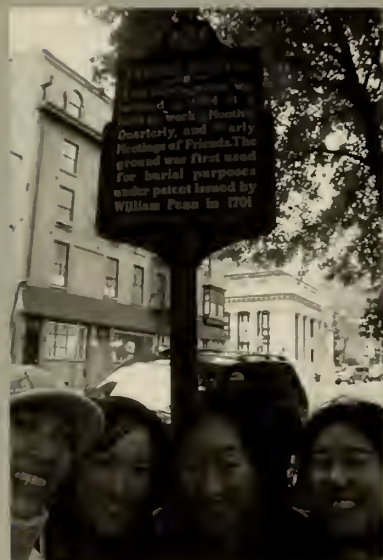
Deborah Kim MD

Deborah Nanyoung Kim, M.D.

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Cupertino, CA



"Thank you friends and family, for the wonderful journey thus far. There are memories here that I will never forget. May you always find the happiness that you seek, and may you always be surrounded by the joy of those you love."



Deborah MD

Christopher R. Kinsella Jr., M.D.

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This happened because my Granddaddy told me that "time and money are the two stupidest reasons not to do something; you'll have more of both later." It happened because my parents gave and gave selflessly. It happened because Grenada and Drexel gave me a chance to learn medicine. It happened because I was a little bit crazy.

It was the best time of my life because we said, "Yes!" to adventure. I placed my first sutures in the mountains of Vietnam, went inner-tubing in Laos, climbed the largest religious structure in Cambodia, was held at gunpoint on the lip of a volcano in St. Vincent, and got to practice medicine in a Czech hospital older than the US. Also, I learned medicine.

I know it is going to keep getting better because of the example my parents have shown me, because my friends are crazier than I am, and because nothing about why all of this has happened to us is changing. The actors are the same and it is the scenery that is changing. This is another adventure. This is another opportunity to say, "Yes."



Jenna Lynn Kosky, M.D.



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To My Family: Thank you for the endless number of amazing things you have done for me and all the opportunities I have enjoyed because of your love and support. I could not have succeeded without having such hardworking, caring parents who would do anything for me and are always there to help - I love you!

To My Heterosexual Life Partner: I was spectacle about surviving med school with a smile, until I found such a dynamite roommate. You've given me countless ridiculous memories, and I am eagerly anticipating many more in the coming years. You are such a fantastically amazing person, and I am lucky to have shared the last three years with you. Good luck finding your true life's passion. I love you, Porkchop!

To My Grandma Rometti: who passed away after I started medical school and who taught me, among many other things, how to compassionately care for those who need it most.

To My Classmates: I am so grateful to have spent the last four years with many of the most fun, challenging, and admirable people I have had the pleasure to know.

Good luck to you all in the future!

To Tons of Fun: Thank you for opening my eyes to all the fun times in Philadelphia I didn't realize I was missing. It has definitely been Tons! Of! Fun!!



Jenna L. Kosky, M.D.



Scott Minoru Kubomoto, M.D.

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Becoming a physician has been a true privilege. Medical school has been some of the most challenging and rewarding years of my life, and I wouldn't trade the experience for the world. I am grateful for my family, friends, and classmates, and their unwavering love and support. I am indebted to the professors, physicians, and patients who have contributed to my education. I hope that I can repay that debt by being the best clinician that I can be, and teaching others along the way. I am filled with anticipation and excitement for what lies ahead.

Thanks,

Scott Kubomoto



Scott Kubomoto MD

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Summing up four years, countless people and experiences is a difficult thing to do. I am very blessed and thankful for the support from my family and friends throughout the years. Drexel University will always be a special place to me; they gave me a chance to begin my journey into the service of medicine and to be the first physician in my family. I thank all the professors, dear friends, and staff who support all of the students, with you, we are able to realize our dreams.

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Congratulations to all of us and continued success.



Katherine T. Kuo, M.D.

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Jesus said to him, 'If you believe, all things are possible to him who believes.'
Immediately [he] said, 'Lord I believe, help my disbelief.'" ~ Gospel of Mark

Thank you to all who have believed in me and who have helped me to believe in myself,
even when I had doubts. Without your encouragement, I would never have applied to
medical school. Now, I can hardly believe that my time at Drexel is coming to a close.
Over the past four years, I have been privileged to be taught and guided by a group of
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will strive to continue to deserve your respect each day.

To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children. To know even
one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." ~
W. Emerson

This I command you, to love one another." ~ Gospel of John



Matthew P. Kusulas M.D.

Maggie Hsin-I Lee, M.D.

University of Massachusetts Amherst, B.S.
University of Massachusetts Amherst, M.S.
Shrewsbury, MA

Mami, Dadi: The two monosyllabic words "Thank You" don't seem to be enough. Although I haven't appropriately shown my gratitude, I do appreciate everything that you do and have done for me. Your never ending encouragement and support throughout my years as a "professional student," and even before, has not gone unnoticed. I apologize that I don't say nor show it enough. Let me assure you that you are great parents! My success will always be a reflection of your success! So, it must be said, "congratulations" to you as well! Love always, your favorite (and only) daughter!

Jia, Yatou, Yaya: Even though we may be miles or oceans apart, we manage to stay sisters. Thanks for always being on the other end, for lending an ear, for giving me an unbiased outside perspective, for keeping me grounded but not tied down, for laughing and celebrating with me. Muah!

Dearest friends: We did it! What great company and memories: hotpot, Twister, a Wii/Friends/Zigity study break, sharing cravings for the other "KFC," a fractured wrist from 10 minutes on the bunny hill, Jimmy's wedding in Cancun, studying at Panera/Borders/B&N, "Kimoji," karaoke/DDR/Rock Band, birthday BBQs, etc. I'm glad we became great friends, whether it may be during these past 4 years or the past 4 months. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Thank you for laughing - whether it may be with or at me. Thank you for an unforgettable journey. May our friendship thrive throughout the next 4 years at least!



Maggie Hsin-I Lee, M.D.

Marshall Ki Lee, M.D.

Dartmouth College, B.A.
New York, NY

Congrats to all!! It was a pleasure enduring the hardships of medical school with some of you studying for tests and the boards and being scuttled around the hospital. I'm sure we will experience some of the same for at least the next few years ahead in residency. Remember to let all loved ones and not-so-loved ones to refer you as Dr. **** because we very well deserve it for the \$200 some odd thousand and 200 some odd weeks we put into getting the MD onto the back of our names. For the ladies, you are now the doctor your mom and dad wanted you to marry. And for the rest of the guys, we are the doctor that girls..... Thank you Suzanne and for Ruby (best dog ever!!) for all the support and love, only four more years to go before the real good life begins.



Marshall Ki Lee, M.D.

Min Jung Lee, M.D.

University of California, Los Angeles, B.S.
Los Angeles, CA

The person that I am now is a reflection of all the support that I received over the years. I want to say "Thanks" to my mom, dad, and my two sisters, Cindy and Julee. Mom and Dad, thanks for always being there for me and encouraging me to follow my dreams. Cindy, thanks for teaching me compassion and strength. Julee, thanks for helping me appreciate beauty in unexpected places. I know I don't say it enough but I love you guys!



Her father, MD

Raymond Seung Lee, M.D.

Pennsylvania State University, B.S.
Uniontown, PA

A few things I will miss about med school:

- friends who were always there when you needed them for happy hour
- videotaped lectures which allowed more time for sleep, tv, golf, etc.
- laughing at the amount of money we owe but not having to repay it at that time

A few things I will NOT miss about med school:

- studying to the point of delirium in the library/SAC and then forgetting most of the material within one day after being tested on it
- dry heaving each time after uncovering the gross anatomy cadaver
- seeing the exact same people in the library, A and C wings, and lounges every single day

I dedicate this degree to my younger brother Spencer who passed on June 19, 2008.
I would like to thank my father, brothers Spencer and David, my uncle, and cousins
Pamela and Albert.

I also would like to thank my friends for keeping me sane through out these four
years. You do not realize how much I will miss all of you.

"Andherewego!" - J



Raymond Seung Lee, M.D.

Yue Ying Flora Lee, M.D.



University of Michigan, B.S.
Sarnia, ON

It's been an amazing four years.

Thank you to all my family and friends; none of this would have been possible without you!

I'll hold on to my honorary Californian status.

Best of luck, everyone!



Yue Ying Lee MD



Randi Diane Leigh, M.D.

Barnard College, B.A.
Drexel University, MPH
Easton, CT

"I must love the questions themselves . . . like locked rooms full of treasure to which my blind and groping key does not yet fit. And await the answers as unsealed letters mailed with dubious intent and written in a very foreign tongue. And in the hourly making of myself no thought of Time to force, to squeeze the space I grow into." Alice Walker

To my family:
Darby, your continued partnership and encouragement are truly a gift. I pick you again today. Rayna and Ariza, your laughter is my sunshine. You will always be the center of my universe. Kim, I could not have hoped for a better sister. Your friendship is absolutely irreplaceable. Mom and Dad, there are no words that can express my gratitude to you. Thank you for being such wonderful role models and cheer leaders, for always putting your children first, and for putting up with me all these years! Thank you all for your love, support, patience and understanding. Without you, there would be no foundation, and none of this would be possible. You remain my greatest source of strength and light.

"Well after this, I shall think nothing of falling down stairs." Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll



Randi Leigh MD, MPH

Karen KaYiu Leong, M.D.

University of California, Berkeley, B.S.
Medfield, MA



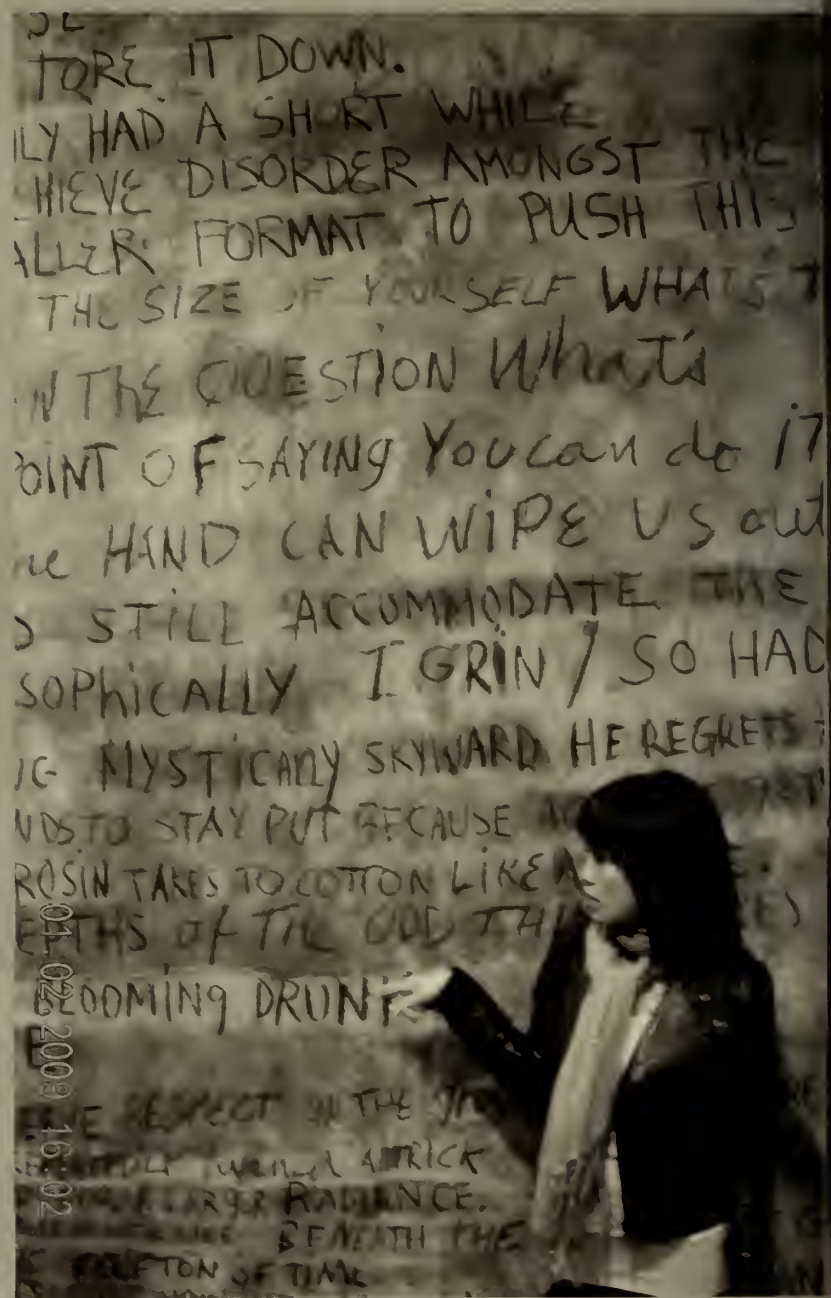
"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

- Hebrews 11:1

This verse has gotten me through many difficult times in the past few years and I want to say thank you to my family and friends who held faith with me when I lost my own.



Karen KaYiu Leong, M.D.



James Young Hoon Lim, M.D.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, B.S.
Lake Oswego, OR

I want to say thank you to all my family and friends for all your help and support through these past several years. Thanks to the community at Drexel for a great education. I am excited for my future years as a physician and for my future with my fiancée, Rupali.

Those who stay will be champions... -Schembechler



David Ming-Hung Lin, M.D.



Pomona College, B.A.
University of Southern California, M.H.A.
Taichung City, Taiwan

I am thankful for my family, my friends, and my teachers. I leave Drexel with many wonderful memories. Please keep in touch!

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." ~Leo Tolstoy

"Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." ~Margaret Mead



David Lin M.D.



Wellesley College, B.A.
Seattle, WA

or my dear family, your bountiful support, inspiration, and guidance are an extraordinary gift of love.

or my multi-talented friends and classmates, you are the artists that have painted our journey and I thank you for the memories I will treasure always.

or myself, for having the courage to live life and live my dream.

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

(Fall 2006-PIL2 Clinical Skills class session reviewing how to write a thorough H&P. It was caught on videotape but probably has since been erased)

Dr. Nielufar Varjavand "Mr and Mrs. Smith do not have any kids. They enjoy an occasional glass of wine. They have sex twice weekly and have a dog named Spot

Dan Moon interrupts "I thought you said they don't have any kids."

Dr. Varjevan "They don't."

Dan Moon "Yes they do, you just said they have sex twice weekly and have a dog named Spot."

Entire PIL2 class is laughing uproariously.

2. Dr. Shumsky (PIL1 Neuroscience)

Yes, you can have such a deficit, but unfortunately (pause) it would be incompatible with life"



Estelle Sue Lin M.D.

Carol Yi-Chun Liu, M.D.



Washington University in St. Louis, B.S.B.A.
Georgetown University, M.S.
Katy, Texas & Taipei, Taiwan

Dad - thank you for being the best role model and working so hard to provide a better life for me; thank you for always believing for me

Mom - thank you for your encouragement and support; your guidance helped me through so many decisions.

Yi - you are the best older sis anyone can ever ask for! Thank you for always being there for me and your undying support.

Lucy - my wonderful younger sis, you have the purest heart. Thank you for cheering me on all these years and all of your love.

Andy - thank you for always being there for me, you are my best friend and I can't imagine making it through without you. I love you and you are the best.

To all my friends - thank you for all of your encouragement, support and love. We made it!



Carol Yollen Lin MD



Giulianna DelCarmen Lizano, M.D.

Boston University, B.A.
Miami, FL

When I think about how far I've come these four years, I remember those special people that have helped me along the way. I would like to begin by thanking my wonderful family, especially my mother. Mom, your unconditional love and support have pulled me through many difficult obstacles in my life and I truly could not have come this far without you - you always believed I could accomplish anything. All those years ago, you helped me to cross the monkey bars; to this day, I'm still crossing monkey bars and you are still there to help cheer me on. And of course, thanks to my other half, Rudy. Thank you for always believing in me, even when I had a hard time believing in myself, thank you for all the support and encouragement during those sleepless nights spent over books preparing for exams, thank you for always being there for me during my best and my worst! Thank you for always finishing my meals when I couldn't because you know I get embarrassed when I waste food! But most of all, thank you for your love. You are my joy, you are my heart, you are my best friend, you are my soul mate, you are the other half of my orange!



Giulianna MD

Jessica Jude Logan, M.D.



College of the Holy Cross, B.A.
Staten Island, NY

Like an Oscar acceptance speech, I have a lot of people to thank for helping me get here and I won't stop till they cue the orchestra.

I don't have an agent, but I do have an amazing family to thank. Mom and Dad, it would have been impossible for me to complete this journey without your unconditional love and support. Regardless of any degree, I will always proudly be your little girl. Aunt Dee, Uncle Andy, Uncle Jack, Andrew, and Nick, thank you for always providing a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, and most importantly, many fits of laughter. Grandma and Grandpa, thank you for being the light that will brighten my future path.

In lieu of make up artists, I have to thank my friends for always bringing out my best. To my girls from St. Joseph Hill Academy and everyone from Holy Cross, it has been one of my greatest privileges to call you my friends for the past 10 years. I consider you all to be family.

Finally, the cast...Drexel Med Class of 2009, it has been a difficult, but worthwhile journey. A special thank you to Shin Bey, Surupa, Matthew, Vanessa, Kat, Min, Lauren, Shauna, Nikhil, and Teams Easton and Erie for keeping me sane. I wish everyone the best of luck.

Uh oh... I hear the violins...



Jessica Logan, MD

Christopher J. Lohr, M.D.

Kenyon College, B.A.
Norvelt, PA

I wish my classmates all the best as we depart from DUCOM, and I hope our respective careers may bring us together again, whether professionally or personally. Lastly, I want to thank my family and friends for their support through these four years.



Chris Lohr M.D.

Ada Loughhead, M.D.



University of Michigan, B.S.
Philadelphia, PA

To Mom, Dad and Matt,

Thank you for your continuous understanding and support. Without your help and encouragement, my challenges would have been roadblocks. You helped transform them into mountains and gave me confidence and strength to climb. I will return the gift to you.

"Everything passes. Everything changes. Just do what you think you should do." -Bob Dylan



Ada Loughhead MD

Max Marchenko, M.D.

University of Washington, B.A.
Seattle, WA

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one"
-Mother Teresa

"The human voice can never reach the distance that is covered by
the still small voice of conscience"
-Mohandas Gandhi

"Child labor is a small price to pay for quality apparel at
affordable prices"
- Granchos



Max Marchenko M.D.

Jordan R. Martin, M.D.



Drexel University, B.S.
Lancaster, PA

As I reflect back on the past four years, I am reminded of all of the good times we had as a class. I believe that I am very lucky to have been a part of such a great group and more importantly to call you my friends and colleagues. I wish you all the best as we embark on our new journey.

"May the wind always be at your back and the sun always upon your face, and the winds of destiny carry you aloft to dance with the stars."



Jordan Martin M.D.

Sandeep Mayur, M.D.

Northwestern University, B.A. Economics
Houston, TX

Dear Mom, Dad, and Mona,

Thank you for the undying support, love and encouragement.
Without you all, not a single accomplishment would have been possible.

To the Class of 2009,

Thank you for all the memories. It was a long and tough road, but we made it and are now standing tall and proud. I leave you with a few words from French philosopher Guillaume Apollinaire to remember during the challenging times in the years ahead.

"Come to the edge," he said. They said, "We are afraid."
"Come to the edge," he said. They came. He pushed them.
And they flew.



S. Mayur M.D.

D. Scott Mccracken, M.D.



Wesleyan University, B.A., B.A.
Emmaus, PA

There was a time that all I needed in life was some sun, a lake, and a tire swing. Somewhere along the way, I became redirected to "higher causes": service to humanity, care of family, responsibility for the Earth.

I guess that's what years at Drexel nurtured in me. Through a guise of didactics, developing skill at conversation, thought process, and paperwork, I am now presumed competent to assume greater responsibility in aid to patients and community.

I owe a significant debt to Lori, who endured everything that a "med student spouse" must, returning nothing but supportive words (and the occasional card) of love. Coupled with my daughter Hannah's complete disregard for my daily stresses, this tethered me to the reality that was not med school, but everything else.

I also thank my classmates, especially those in PIL and my fellow Family Med Pathway hopefuls, whose support helped me to stand tall against the occasional censure, maybe sharing a beer or an adventure in its stead.

Among faculty, I'd like to thank especially Dr. Sue Zern, Dr. Amy Mackenzie, Dr. David Wagner, Link Hart, Dr. Rosemary Harris, Dr. Sam Parrish, Dr. Sabreena Arif, and Dr. Andy Rosenzweig for being both professional and personal role models. And should I cross paths with any of you after this, I get first dibs on the swing.



D. Scott Mccracken, MD

Andrew Wafa Michael, M.D.

Pepperdine University, B.S.
Upland, CA

I would first and foremost like to thank God without whom none of this would be possible. I would also like to thank my mom, dad, my siblings and all my extended family for all their support. Thank you to all my friends for keeping me sane and allowing me to have a little fun every once in a while. Last but not least I would like to thank my wonderful girlfriend for putting up with me! On to Residency!



A stylized signature of Andrew Wafa Michael, M.D.

Anthony Francis Miller, M.D.



Drew University, B.A.
Hamilton, NJ

Anthony F. Miller was born and raised in the great state of New Jersey (way better than California!). He attended Drew University and pursued a double major in biochemistry and music performance. During his extremely fiscally burdensome years at DUCOM (formerly MCP-etc.), he participated in various activities such as the Salvation Army clinic and PABC (to raise money for the care of kids that actually need it!). Before beginning the indentured servitude of clinical years, he participated in the PIL curriculum. His interests include riding waves, playing guitars, experimenting in the kitchen and indulging in his champagne tastes on a beer budget. He plans to pursue a career in radiology taking care of patients from a lavish office chair in a temperature-controlled dungeon.



Moshe A. Mizrahi, M.D.

University of Pennsylvania, B.A.
New York, NY

I owe thanks to my family and friends for helping me make it through. I couldn't have done it without your love, support, and sacrifice.

With all my heart,

Moshe A. Mizrahi



Moshe Mizrahi

Kathleen Allison Moyer, M.D.



Pennsylvania State University, B.S.
Freeburg, PA

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



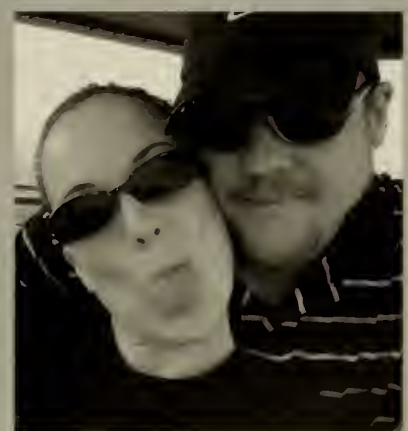
Kathleen Moyer, MD

Brandi M. Musselman, M.D.

Juniata College, B.A.
Drexel University College of Medicine, M.Biol.S.
Claysburg, PA

There are so many people in my life who have worked hard to support me during this journey. I wouldn't be where I am today without their love and encouragement.

God, thank you for the wonderful circumstances and people you have placed in my life. Mom and Dad, thank you for always letting me know that I can do anything I put my mind to, for raising me so that I know what it means to work hard, and for your never-ending support. Sis, thanks for your undying belief in me, and those hilarious songs you would create to encourage me when things became stressful. Pap Turner, you were the first to call me Doc. Pap Whetstone, thanks for teaching me to hug. Gram Turner and Gram Whetstone, thanks for showing me what it means to be a strong woman. To my incredible friends, thank you sticking by me and for all the fun and laughter - these 4 years have flown by! Blair, thank you for being my best friend, my rock, and my true love. You have been pushing me and challenging me to reach higher and go farther since high school. You have given up so much to get me to where I am today. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful man as a husband. I love you so much!



Brandi M. Musselman M.D.

Drexel University B.S.
Waco, TX



Good Luck Class of '09!



Concetta Maria Nestico, M.D.

La Salle University, B.A.
Drexel University, MBS.
Philadelphia, PA

I have been blessed with many wonderful people in my life who have helped shape me into the person I am today. Thank you to my loving parents who have unselfishly given of themselves and asked only for my happiness in return. Your guidance, support, and never-ending faith have been invaluable to me during these past four years.

Thank you to my brothers, to my friends and family, and to David - you have given me the courage and inspiration to endure the most trying moments, all the while helping me to keep my sense of humor and just have fun

Finally, to my classmates "There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second." (Logan Pearsall Smith)



Concetta Nestico, M.D.

Robert E. Newmyer, M.D.



La Salle University, B.A.

Boston University, M.A.

Fulton, NY & Henderson, KY & Pottsville, PA

Med school over? I'm making money next year? The only thing that seems appropriate here are a few notes of thanks for the support and understanding that I've received throughout the past four years or for those who made it more bearable.

Thanks to Grant, Rick, Michelle, Cathy, and Cynthia for making the first year or so fun with gross anatomy and other study sessions, lots of ping pong and foosball. I still remember actually knowing what was going on with Grey's Anatomy and our nearly weekly tradition.

Thanks to Helen for being my best friend, confidant, and someone with whom I was genuinely happy for two plus years. I screwed up and for one last time I'll say that I'm sorry. You kept me sane. I do and will miss what we had and what could have been.

The biggest thanks has to go to my parents. Your understanding regarding my inability to see you for months on end and your openness to help in any way you can has been invaluable. Your expectations and your pride help motivate me. Thank you for being you. And I can't not say hey to Lindsay - you've had a pretty tough past year and a half - you blew me away with your courage, poise, and ability to stay upbeat throughout everything.



Robert E. Newmyer M.D.



David Nguyen, M.D.

UCLA, B.S.
Milpitas, CA

I would to thank all of those involved in my education the last four years. I have learned so much about the science and art of medicine. Thank you to all of my friends who have shared the frustrations and joys of this journey. I will always remember our trips to the shore, the late night runs to Capo Giro, and the hilarious Halloween costumes. And lastly, I would like to thank my family for providing me with their love and comfort. Being an entire continent apart has only strengthened our bond.



Brian Chen



David Nguyen, MD

Lisa My Nguyen, M.D.



Temple University, B.A.
Norristown, PA

There are times when I am lost
and need some guidance--
You never fail
to light the way and lead me home

When things are hectic and out of control;
I'm just spinning 'round
You are able
to find the reigns and ease my fears

When the rain is heavy and won't let up
and I've no cover
You somehow manage
to clear the sky and help me through

In times when I am down, beaten, and worn;
can't muster a smile
You're always there
To lift me up and mend my soul

The good times and especially the bad;
All things tough and most things easy;
When I'm nice and even if I'm mean;
Never a moment am I the luckiest in the world
without the unconditional love and support of my
family and my friends.

To you, Thank you, for I could not be here without
you.

To my classmates:
"The practice of medicine will be very much as you
make it - to one a worry, a care, a perpetual
annoyance; to another, a daily job and a life of as
much happiness and usefulness as can well fall to
the lot of man, because it is a life of self-sacrifice
and of countless opportunities to comfort and help
the weak-hearted, and to raise up those that fall."
-Sir William Osler



Lisa My Nguyen M.D.

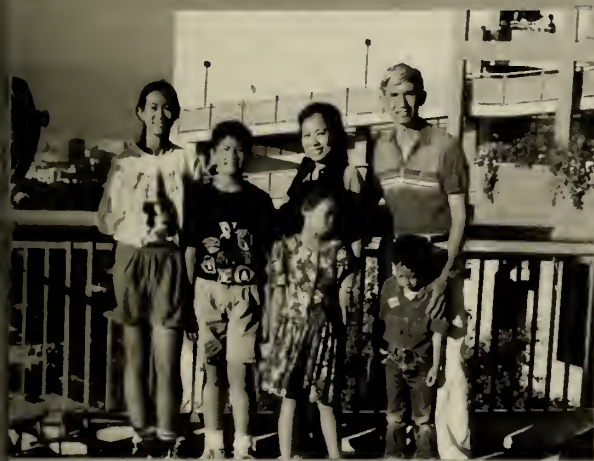


Rudolph Nguyen, M.D.

University of California, Los Angeles , B.S.
Laguna Hills, CA

To Mom and Dad: thank you for all of your hard work to earn me the opportunity to chase my dreams and do anything in the world. I know how hard you worked and how much you struggled to get me to this point coming to a new country, learning a new language and culture, pumping gas and washing dishes and going to night school. You have carved amazing lives and careers for yourselves, and I marvel at all you've done. All the while, you raised a beautiful family with countless memories that we all cherish together. My accomplishments pale in comparison to yours and I am forever grateful for all that you have done for me.

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Cory Alan Ogden, M.D.



Boston University, B.S.
Drexel University School of Public Health, MPH
San Rafael, CA

Thank you Mom for all of your love and support you have given me over the last 29 years. Thanks Jessica your love, support, and friendship has meant the world to me. Thank you Chad, Bryan, Grandpa Stemmons, Aunt Robyn, Grandma Ogden, Josh, Chaim, Nicole, Jori, Scott, Edwina, Tanya, Marty, Carol, Matt and the rest of my family and friends for being so supportive during the last few years. . Also, thank you Dr. Albo. I owe you so much for your mentorship and encouraging me to consider going to medical school.



A black and white photograph of a signature, likely Cory Alan Ogden's, written in ink on a piece of paper.

Diana Isabel Ortiz, M.D.

Seton Hall University, B.S.
Oakhurst, NJ

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."
-Robert Frost

I must say that although my life did not go exactly as planned, I
would not change a single thing. I would not be who I am without
each and every experience that I've had. Thank you to my Mom,
Dad, Carlos, Patty, NIKO and everyone else that has taken part in
my journey.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2009!!!!!!!!!!!! WE MADE IT!!!!



Hemodialysis



Diana Ortiz, MD

Judy Kay Owens, M.D.



Hampton University, B.S.
LaGrange, KY

When I look back on my journey here, there was a time when I thought I'd never make it to the end, but here I am, finally. There are days I can't even recall, days when I didn't know how I was able to put one foot in front of the other, but I made it through. I know I was only able to do this because of the prayers of those who love me; my family, my friends. Drawing on their strength and their confidence in me, I am able to claim this victory.

My mother, who's life is a testament to what one can achieve through dedication and perseverance. My father who showed me the value of hard work. My sister who taught me that just because you stumble does not mean you can't get back up. My brother who taught me not to take myself too seriously. My friends who shared with me the best parts of themselves and taught me the importance of selflessness. Mrs. Sherita Glenn who showed me how faith can overcome all obstacles. All of you have helped me to be a better a person.

I thank God for bringing me to this moment and I share it with all of you whom He has brought into my life.



Judy Kay Owens

Middlebury College, B.A.
West Hartford, CT

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



Frank Pandolfe, M.D.

Vanessa Rose Papalazaros, M.D.

University of Pittsburgh, B.S.
University of Pittsburgh, MPH
Front Royal, VA



Mom and Selena: You have been supporting me in my dream to be a doctor for as long as I can remember. You always knew I could do it even when I doubted myself. For this I thank you. I honestly would not have made it this far without you! Love you.

To all of my friends: From the power hours, potlucks, and road trips to the ridiculousness that is life at 3AC, kickball, and the seemingly endless wine these last four years wouldn't have been nearly as much fun without you. Thanks for being awesome!

Aunt Kathy, Uncle Phil, Sammy & Amanda: Thank you for always being there. You have helped me more than you'll ever know.

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Vanessa Papalazaros M.D.

Jaspreet Singh Parihar, M.D.

Duquesne University, B.S.
Pittsburgh, PA

"The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease" - Voltaire.

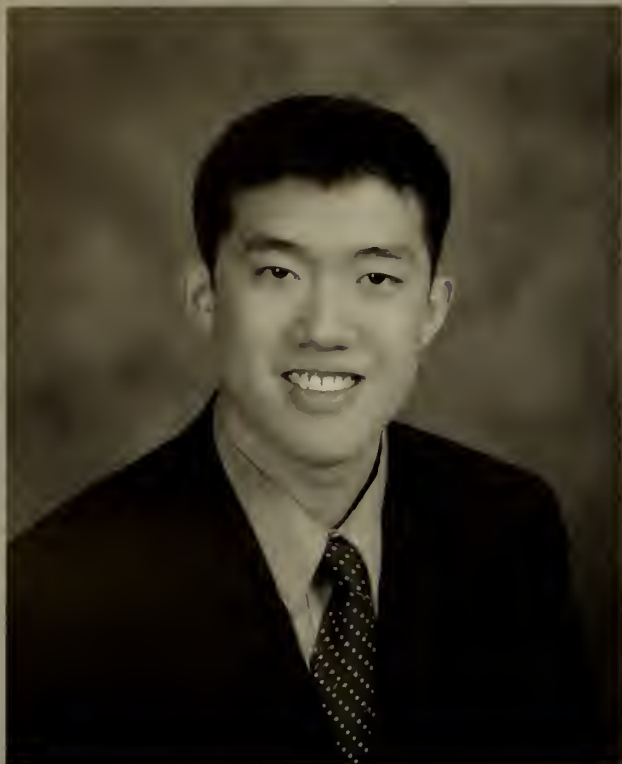
To all my fellow mates, the greatest day of achievement is finally here. Our graduation marks not the end but a new beginning to lifelong learning. Thanks for making the years truly special.

My deepest gratitude goes to my parents, Mr./Mrs. Jaswinder & Parminder Parihar, for their unconditional love and support. A special thanks to my younger sister, Simran, who has always encouraged me to strive higher in life.



P. Parihar M.D.

Stephen J. Park, M.D.



Villanova University, B.S.
Rockville, MD

Thanks to my dad, mom, and Brian for all of their support throughout the years, not only in school but in everything else in life. Also thanks to all of my friends for making these past few years more fun than I thought they would be. Good luck to everyone. Later.



Stephen J. Park MD

West Chester University, B.S. Biology
Monroe Township, NJ

After so many years, I can not believe this is all finally coming to and end! Four years ago, I never thought I would look back and wish I had just a little bit more time at least to play! As happy as I am to move on, I cant imagine not seeing these familiar faces everyday. I have made some of my closest friends in medical school and I just want to take the time to thank them for always being a wonderful listener, a constant shoulder to lean on, and most of all-a steady source of laughter! To my parents and beautiful sister, thank you will never be enough. Cheers to the class of 2009!



Gaurav Patel, M.D.



Rutgers University, B.A.
North Bergen, NJ

Year 1: Welcome Class of 2009, Got my short white coat, Drawing the Kreb's cycle over and over, Dandia Dragons Debut, New Year's with no money in London, A ski trip for the ages, Awesome P&P group, Netter's flash cards = my BFF, Finals!, Year 1 ends with a wash out, and a summer in Europe with some great friends. Cost - \$46,725

Year 2: Welcome back party turns ugly, Did you get your Kaplan books yet? First Pharm exam = ouch, Wilson and Double Dare contestants, 72 cup beer pong = ouch again, Not so nice semi-formal, Waiting till the last minute to write my ICM study sheet STEP 1(enough said), Puerto Rico with some great people, and we're finally halfway done Cost - \$46,725

Year 3: Goodbye Alden Park Hello Center city, Family Med in NJ & NYC happy hours every Thursday, Surgery with my BFF- Dr. Meyers, Surgery Case files (worst book ever), Great New Year's Eve in NYC, Long awaited return to RUTGERS, Nature hikes at Friends hospital with my best bud, What kind of Doc should I be? Cost - \$46,725

Year 4: No more tests, Working 9-2, Crazy Thursdays, Anesthesia or ER? A month in NYC, Interview after interview, I love 4th year! Cost - \$46,725

4 years full of great memories and even greater friends-PRICELESS.
Good Luck to the Class of 2009



Maurice Fiterus

Meghan A. Patel, M.D.

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To my family: Without your unconditional support, this would not have been possible.

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Michael D. Pearson, M.D.



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I would like to thank my family, particularly my mother, for all of the help during school. I would especially like to thank my wife for her unconditional support! I also have to say how proud I am of my son, Brighton, and my daughter, Maddilyn, who were both born during medical school and helped me learn how to multitask. Finally, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2009 on a job well done, and I am looking forward to my next challenge in Emergency Medicine.



Michael D. Pearson M.D.

Dmitry Pekarsky, M.D.

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New York, NY

I thank you those, whom I have met
Upon my travels to the land of debt
To the land where the letters M and D
Will mark so much anticipated medical degree.

Yet once we get it, we will all depart
Pursuing what commands the heart
Away from comfort of each other's smile
Putting what we have learned to trial.

And we will work so hard to just survive
Yet keeping what had brought us here alive
Forever cherishing the memories we share
And with the Hippocratic Oath to this I swear.

To my friends..



Wendy Mon-Gen Pierce, M.D.

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Thank you to all my friends and family. My sister for the care packages and listening to me vent, my mom for the care packages and vacuumed packed food, my friends for long nights chatting, dinners out, dumplings, movies, shopping, and all manner of other things not related to med school and everyone for understanding when I don't call back for weeks at a time because I was freaking out over tests.

Thanks a bunch!



Wendy Mon-Gen Pierce

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San Ramon, CA

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



Daniel Pinney M.D.

Christos Plakas, M.D.



Drexel University, B.S.
Flushing, NY

I want to thank my father for giving me the Plakas genes, which gave me the potential to be where I am today. My mother for helping me to achieve that potential by making me finish my reading, math, spelling, and every other homework assignment I had before going out to play; and for making chicken cutlets whenever I asked. My brothers and sister for being supportive and able to be counted on whenever I needed help with anything. And everyone else I've ever met in my 25 years for helping to make me the person I am today.

"I am a part of all that I have met" - Alfred Lord Tennyson, "Ulysses"

"Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something." - Plato

"My doctor gave me 6 months to live, but when I couldn't pay the bill he gave me 6 months more." - Walter Matthau

"Dad always thought laughter was the best medicine, which I guess is why several of us died of tuberculosis." - Jack Handey



CP, MD

Andrea Lynn Poisson, M.D.

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I SURVIVED!

To my fellow PILers: thanks for letting me into your lives, sharing your stories and your gifts thanks for teaching me how to think critically, how to learn and how to teach. I'll never forget Korean karaoke nights, DDR craziness and lots of good food and laughter.

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The Little Boy and the Old Man by Shel Silverstein

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."

Said the old man, "I do that too."

The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."

"I do that too," laughed the little old man.

Said the little boy, "I often cry."

The old man nodded, "So do I."

"But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems

Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

"I know what you mean," said the little old man.



Andrea Lynn Poisson, M.D.

Taylor Robinson Pollei, M.D.



Brigham Young University, B.S.
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¡La Vida es Bella! Life has been brilliant to this point, with countless blessings and incredible company along the way.

Above all I thank God for everything. Also I thank my superstar wife Amber for the last 6 years, where day in and day out she has simply been there. It has also been wonderful to have our beautiful little Zoe Brooke join us. Her smiles and kisses are priceless. Joining just in time, our little man likewise has been a perfect addition.

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-Taylor R. Pollei



A black and white signature of Taylor R. Pollei, M.D. The signature is written in ink and includes the letters "MD" at the end.

Rachel Marie Purcell Villalon, M.D.

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La Habra, CA

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Rachel M Villalon, MD

Georgia Ragonetti-Zebell, M.D.



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Thank you, John, for putting up with me for the past ten years. I could not have done it without you!

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I love you all!!

"Living is easy with eyes closed, misunderstanding all you see"
~John Lennon



Georgia Ragonetti-Zebell



Meena Sherine Ramchandani, M.D.

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But the cares of the lower things of life should not be allowed to monopolize all the thoughts and aspirations of a human being. The heart's ambitions should ascend to a more glorious goal, mental activity should rise to higher levels. Men should hold in their souls the vision of celestial perfection, and there prepare a dwelling place for the inexhaustible bounty of the divine spirit.

-Bahauallah



Meena Ramchandani MD

René Ramirez, M.D.

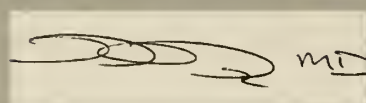


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Kerman, CA

Veronica: Here's another chapter for the books! It seems as though it were only yesterday when we first met, and we have done so much since. I can't wait to see what this next chapter has in store for our family. I love you with all of my heart.

To my family thanks for all of your love and support.

Class of '09: "We came, we saw, we conquered"! Thanks for all of the memories and making med school so much fun. I wish everyone everlasting success and happiness.



Veronica Araujo Ramirez, M.D.

California State University, Fresno, B.S.
Dinuba, CA

To Rene- We made it! Med school has been one crazy journey and I'm so glad that we were able to go through it together. I'll never forget our long days in the C wing, ordering totally unhealthy food, or the first time we wore our white coats. You've been everything to me, from my study buddy to my loving husband. I love you with all of my heart! Now it's time for the next step in this journey. Watch out residency, here comes la familia Ramirez!!

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To my classmates- It has been an awesome four years! We're finally done and heading in different directions. Our place will always be open for Rock Band, drinks, and good food! Congratulations to everyone!!



Veronica Araujo Ramirez, M.D.

Jennifer Elizabeth Woods Rasmussen, M.D.

University of Texas at Dallas, B.S. & B.S.

University of Oregon, M.S.

Allen, TX & Costa Mesa, CA



"What a trip this has been: a marriage, a death, then a beautiful baby girl. I would never have survived with such supportive faculty at Drexel and the unwavering support & love of my husband, Jim, my daughter, Maggie, my mother & father and my family: Brittany, Reggie, Izzy, Aunt Connie, Aunt Lori & Aunt Gina.. Thank you all!!

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Madhury Ray, M.D.

Pennsylvania State University, B.S., B.A.
State College, PA

"I find that the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

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"Arise! Awake! And stop not until the goal is reached."

Swami Vivekananda



Madhury Ray, MD

Wesley D. Roberts, M.D.



Mesa State College, B.S.
Grand Junction, CO

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Congratulations to the class of 2009 and to all those who are responsible for us being here.



Wesley D. Roberts, M.D.



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Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



Julie Rosenthal, MD

Stephanie M. Rubino, M.D.

University of Notre Dame, B.S.
Murrysville, PA



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Thank you all for your patience, love and support; from
IMS to today and beyond, I can't imagine having gone
through these years without you. I am certain that
continued success awaits us all, and with the end of
this year begins a brilliant future.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



Stephanie M. Rubino MD

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



Naa Sackey

Konrad Sarosiek, M.D.



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Kansas City, KS

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See you all at our first reunion!



K. Sarosiek M.D.

Michael Sasso, M.D.

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All of us have unique stories to tell about our time at Drexel. Each year presented personal challenges, losses, victories, rewards. I was nervous when we started back in 2005, especially with taking time off between college and medical school. Then came the transition from the module notes to the patient chart at the beginning of our third year. Despite these challenges, I enjoyed learning the science of medicine, and then having the opportunity to bring my newfound knowledge to the bedside. Most importantly, I met a lot of great people friends, co-workers, patients. These relationships, added to the support of family and friends, guided me through the difficult times. Although residency will be full of new surprises and questions, I'm excited. I'm looking forward to the next level of interaction with patients and colleagues, and I believe Drexel did a great job preparing me for this transition. Thank you Mom, Dad, Adam, and Larissa for guiding me through the challenges and defeats, and for helping me appreciate the victories and rewards. And thanks to my classmates. I really enjoyed getting to know you, especially during our clinical years. Best of luck to everyone!



Michael Sasso M.D.

David Saul, M.D.



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David Saul, M.D.

Ryan N. Schroeder, M.D.

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Sinking Spring, PA

It's funny that pirates were always going around searching for treasure, and they never realized that the real treasure was the fond memories they were creating.

~Jack Handey

Congratulations, Drexel Med Class of 2009! There were many bumps in the road, but we are finally there. I never would have made it without help from many amazing people and to them I owe my thanks.

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Good luck everyone! Let's do this again sometime.



R. N. Schroeder, MD

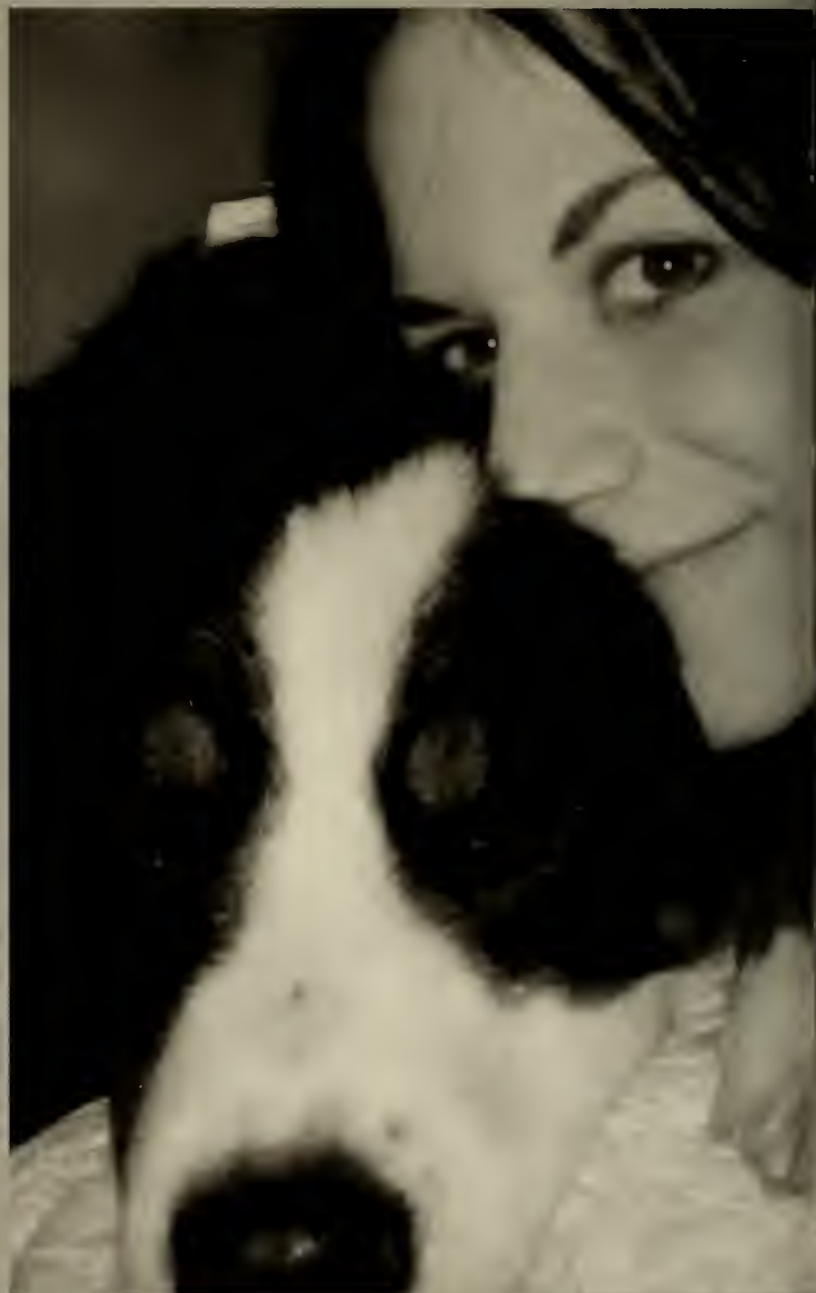
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In dreams begin responsibilities . . .



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Avani Shah, M.D.



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"Every book starts with just one word, every great idea is sparked by a single thought, every morning sees a new sunrise, and every journey begins with a single step." --- Chris M.

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"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." --- Marcel Proust

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Love,
Avani



Avani Shah, MD



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Hassan Murtaza Shah, M.D.

Neeta Ramesh Shah, M.D.



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Philadelphia, PA

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The Class of 2009- CONGRATULATIONS!!



Neeta Shah MD



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Charlotte, NC

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"That's the problem with people like you. You want results, but you never want to get your hands dirty. I'd start rolling up your sleeves."

--
Jack Bauer

GO UNC TARHEELS FOR LIFE!!



Rickin Shah M.D.

Sveta Shah, M.D.



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Mountaintop, PA

"Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work."
-Booker T. Washington

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Melissa: Lover! Can you believe its been 4 years since we would lock ourselves up in a room to study and really just spend the whole time laughing our heads off about the stupidest stuff?! Some of those whiteboard drawings are permanently etched in my brain...

Congratulations to all the members of the Class of 2009!
Love and thanks to all my family and friends!



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Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



Helen Shum, M.D.



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Congratulations and good luck, everyone. I'm going to miss you.



Helen Shum MD



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To Mom, Dad and Dustin-

You may not have stood beside me
or touched my hand each day
but I knew that you were with me
each step along the way.

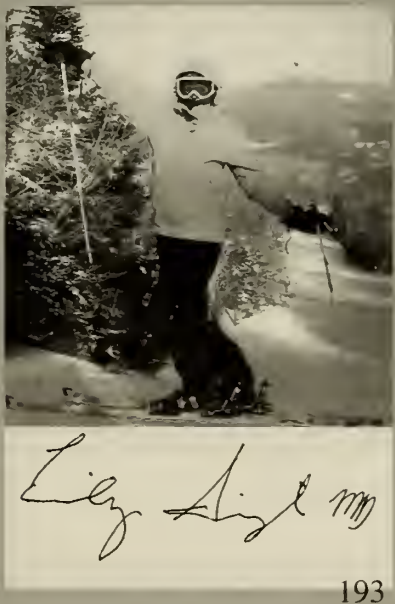
Your prayers and thoughts and glances
meant more than you could guess
They helped me through the rough days,
And to them I attribute my success.

Thanks for supporting me throughout my journey!

And to my colleagues-

Never forget that it is not a pneumonia, but a pneumonic man who is
your patient.

~William Withey Gull



Justin Alan Singer, M.D.



Hofstra University, B.A.
Jericho, NY

Thank you Lori, Mom, Dad and David for all of your love and support!

"Cure sometimes, treat often, comfort always" - Hippocrates



Justin Singer M.D.

Rachael Slivka, M.D.

Wesleyan University, B.A.
Teaneck, NJ



"Wake up to find out that you are the eyes of the world Right now discover that you are the song that the morning brings." Grateful Dead

"There's a fine line between a superpower and a chronic medical condition." - Austin Grossman, *Soon I will be Invincible*

"Is it for this my life I sought? Maybe so and maybe not." Phish

Mom: Thanks for all of your love and guidance and for always being there when I needed someone to kvetch to.

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Ben and Melissa: I'm one step closer to buying you that yacht.

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To the class of 2009: Never lose sight of why you went into medicine. I hope the idealism and passion you have at this moment will stay with you always. Do no harm well.



Rachael Slivka, M.D.

Ashlee Lynn Snyder, M.D.



Lafayette College, B.S., B.A.
Gilberstville, PA

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Ashlee Snyder MD

Virginia Soong, M.D.

Cook College - Rutgers University, B.S.
Piscataway, NJ

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All that I am and all that I do, would not be possible without you.
Though there are times that you may doubt,
Have no doubt that I will always love you.

Uncle Bill: I enjoy our conversations from the serious to the mundane.
Thanks for being around when I needed a listening ear.

Abe: What can I say? When are you going to catch up to me little bro?

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The human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine;
For shelter is gone when the night is over,
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Sing on in the soul alway.
~ The Human Touch by Spencer Michael Free



Grant Clayton Swisher, M.D.

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Framingham, MA



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Santisree Tanikella, M.D.

Rosemont College, B.A.
Freehold, NJ

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I have so much love for all of you. Thank you for being there for me
during this journey, for supporting me during my hardships, and
for celebrating my accomplishments with me. This sure has been
quite an adventure!

To my classmates,
Woohoo! We've finally made it! Congratulations to all of you!

With love,
Santi



Santisree Tanikella, M.D.

Michael Tatusov, M.D.



It's been a long and crazy journey and yet it seems like only yesterday that we all started as first years together, looking to take on that first biochemistry test and to make that first incision in gross anatomy lab. Now we prepare to go our separate ways as we get ready to pursue competitive residencies throughout the country. I wish the best of luck to everyone! I also want to thank my mom who inspired and motivated me throughout medical school, my girlfriend who was there for me during the hard times, and my friends who helped me forget the hard times once they were over. Thank you all, it wouldn't have been the same without you!

"To study the phenomena of disease without books is to sail an uncharted sea, while to study books without patients is not to go to sea at all!"

-Sir William Osler



M Tatusov



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Cathy tells MD

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*Congratulations and Best Wishes to the
Class of 2009!!!*



Grace Thammasuvimol MD

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Yay! Four long years completed finally. . .now on to the next part.
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I love you.



C. Jones MD

Lauren Kimberly Tormey, M.D.



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"When your belief in yourself doesn't feel quite so pure, and your "I think I can" doesn't sound quite so sure, that's when to push and to strive and to strain, to show the world you're not a giving-up train. And you're wise if you know that doing your best, means that sometimes you should just slow down and rest. Speeding through your whole trip will bring only sorrow, so slow down today to be happy tomorrow. There's more about life that you'll learn as you go, because figuring things out on your own helps you grow.

Just trust in yourself, and you'll climb every hill. Say, "I think I can!" and you know what? You will!" --I Knew You Could, Craig Dorfman

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Thank you all! Good Luck Drexel '09!



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Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning. - Albert Einstein



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"It never ends! This is just the beginning!"

"To my family, I love you all very much!!"



Bao Tram Tran, M.D.

Betty Tsang, M.D.



University of Pennsylvania, B.A.
Philadelphia, PA

Life isn't about the number of breaths you take but about the number of things that take your breath away.
-Anonymous

Medical school like any other level of education is four years long. A mere four years has always seemed to go by fast, however, the four years in medical school was a rather long journey. But I was very fortunate to have many family members and friends' support during these four years.

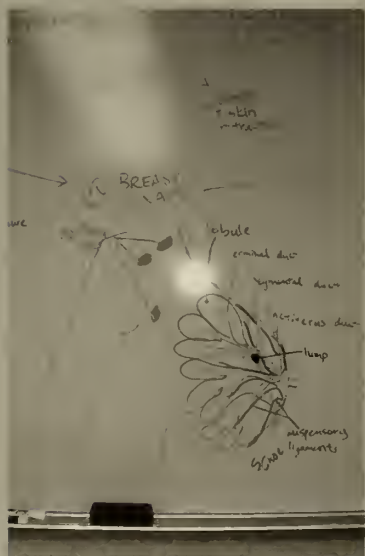
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To the class of 2009, Congratulations!!!
Love Always, Betty



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Mom and Dad, thanks so much for your support. I love you!

Congratulations class of 2009. We made it!



Elaina Tsui, MD

J. Rory J. Tucker, M.D.



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What an incredible four years it has been! Some of the highest highs and lowest lows of my life have occurred during these four not-so-short years. I don't even want to think about what the experience would have been like without the support of my friends and family. Some noteworthy people are Ryan Meglathery who let me stay with him rent-free during my first year and a half and was also always willing to chat about scuba diving if I needed a break. Of course my mother was always offering support and encouragement during module exams and all other times as well. Finally, the latest addition to my family, I need to thank my wife Kathryn. We met at the end of first year and she has done everything possible to make medical school more bearable and enjoyable since. Not to diminish the fun times I've had and the support received from Chris Rowan, Tony Chuang, Sylvia Maston, Kevin Schulz, Wendy Pierce, and Angela Richardson among others.

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Best of luck to everyone; may you always have fair winds and following seas.



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Jeff Tuman, MD

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Dear Dad, Mom, Tej, & Apurva

I'm Glad There's You

I'm glad there's you to smile at me
And brighten up my day,
To share my thoughts and understand
The things I do and say.

I'm glad there's you to laugh with me
At ordinary things,
To show me what is special,
In everything life brings.

I'm glad there's you to be with,
And I think it's time you knew,
Just how happy you have made me,
And how glad I am there's you!

Thank you for all your love and support

Love Always
~ Keta ~



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To my Mom and Dad, thank your love and support throughout the years.

To my brother Ravi, I am so lucky to have you as both a brother and a friend.

To all of my friends, I won't forget the wonderful moments we shared over these four years.

"The important thing is this:

To be able to sacrifice what we are
for what we could become."

--Charles DuBois



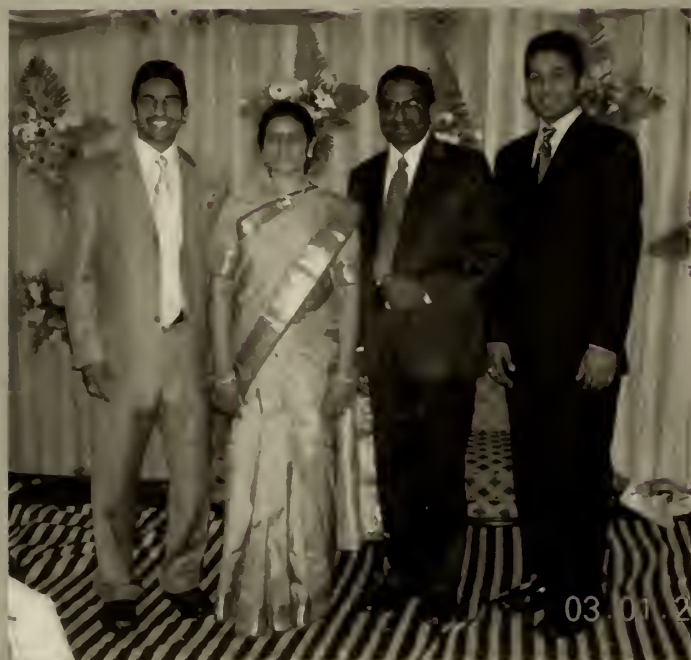
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TOP 10 MEMORIES OF DREXEL MED

1. Saturday morning football the greatest student group that never was
2. Halloween Parties nothing like running around Philly in costume a full week after the holiday
3. End of 1st year BBQ & dancing in the rain at Cavanaugh's River Deck afterward
4. Sharing tables in the study lounge with my friends and of course the all-nighters
5. Sunday Night Karaoke at Buckets
6. 1st Year Ski Trip to the Poconos
7. Rocking out at PABC
8. 3rd Year in Pittsburgh amazing! Steeler games, Station Square, Primanti Bros.
9. Joining the mob on Broad Street when the Phillies won the World Series
10. Making so many wonderful friends and countless memories!

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BUCKETS KARAOKE



HALLOWEEN 2006



MURPHY'S

ST. PATTY'S 2007



STRIKES BOWLING

STEELERS VS. 49ERS



ST. PATTY'S
2007



CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM
2008

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"Live and let live, forget or forgive" - Iron Maiden



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Thank you Mom for your unwavering love and support. Thank you
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- Marcus Aurelius



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Christopher Wang MD



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God Bless,
Chris

Safe? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good.

-C.S. Lewis (The Chronicles of Narnia)



Chris Washington MD

Laura May Wellington, M.D.



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I love you all,

laura, lmw, lwell

"We can do no great things - only small things, with great love."

-Mother Teresa



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Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



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Kate Wieckowski, M.D.



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~Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all you ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6
To Mom & Dad: Thank you for all your love, patience and guidance throughout my life. I would have never made it this far without your support. Mom, thanks for pointing me in the right direction with your timely advice. Dad, extra thanks for searching the city to find my favorite foods when I come home. I love you both!
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Good Luck Class 2009!~



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With caring hearts and helping hands we move forward into the community to fulfill our roles.

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Good luck Class of 2009!



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Garrett M. Yee, M.D.



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"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi



Revital Yehezkel, MD

Seung Jin Yi, M.D.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2009! It seems like just yesterday that we were all nervous about the first big exam, and here we are ready to graduate and begin our life's work. I am grateful to all the great friends I've made during my career here. My best wishes and good luck to all of you in whichever direction you go. I only hope that our paths will cross and that we may continue to help each other throughout our lives.

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RJ MD

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Love you all much,
"Angel"



Angel Yu, MD

Melody Zaya, M.D.



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Melody Zaya MD

A few more classmates...



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Halima Amjad, M.D.



Ari Avram, M.D.



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Charles M Bendas, M.D.



Rajit Chakravarty, M.D.



David Chen, M.D.



Steven Ho Choe, M.D.



Megan Alden Crochet, M.D.

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Mark Gregory Sperry, M.D.

Azeem Syed, M.D.

Richard Mengchun Tsai, M.D.

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Before the white coat,
came many adorable
outfits and haircuts ...



Marjorie Affel



Meera Desai



Will Woo



Lauren Davis



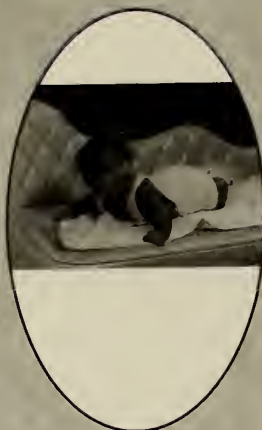
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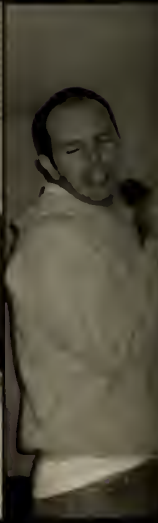
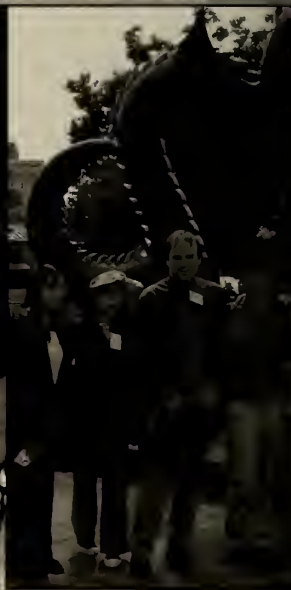
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Events Through the Years



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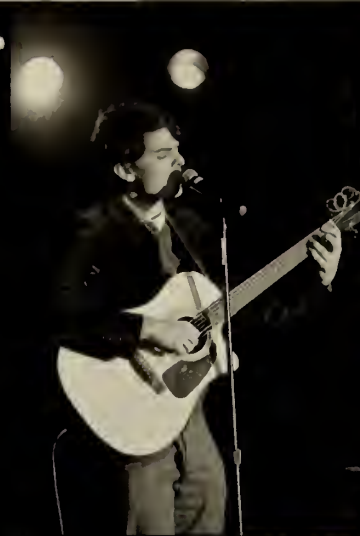








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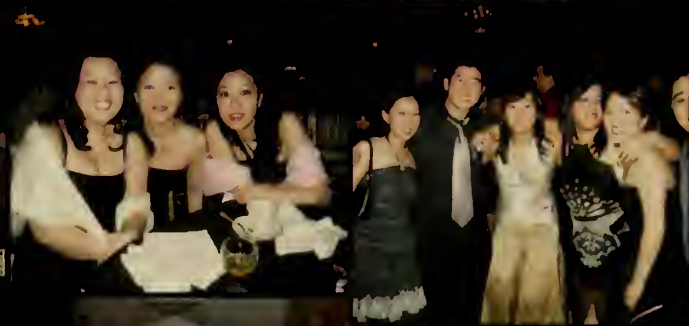






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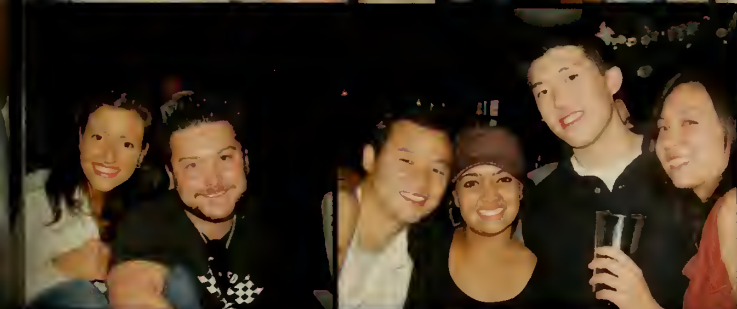


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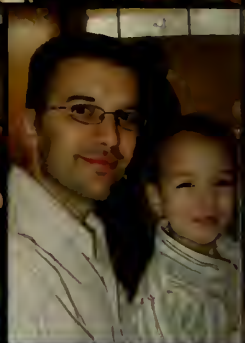
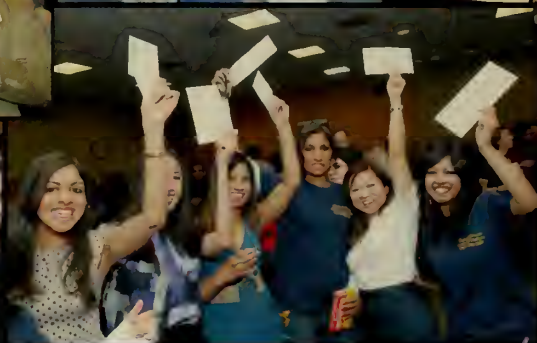
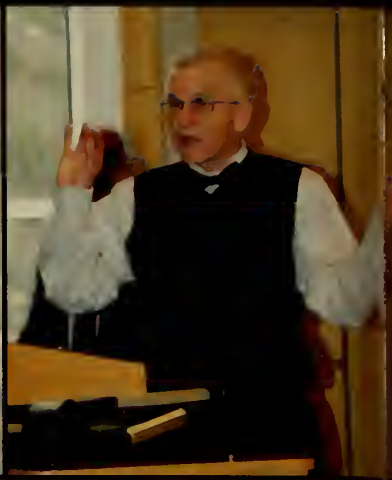
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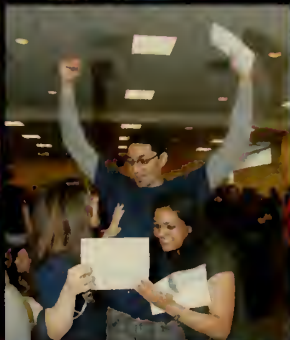


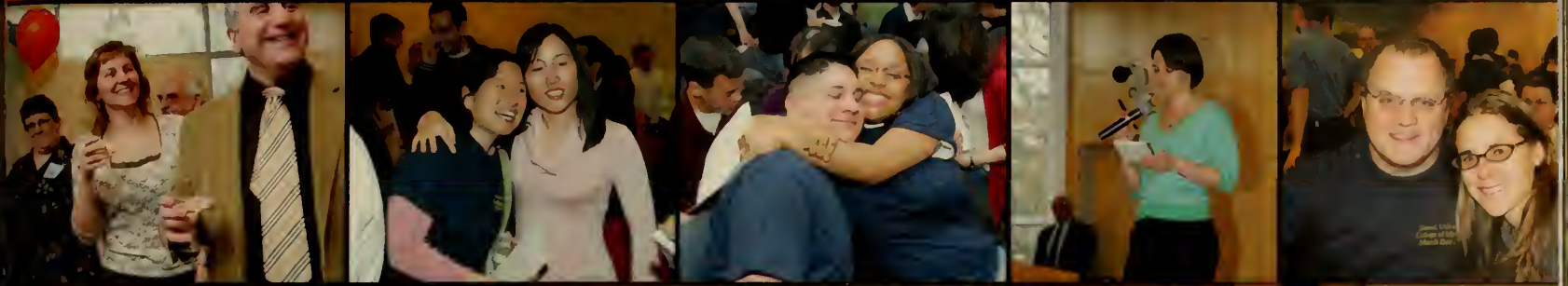
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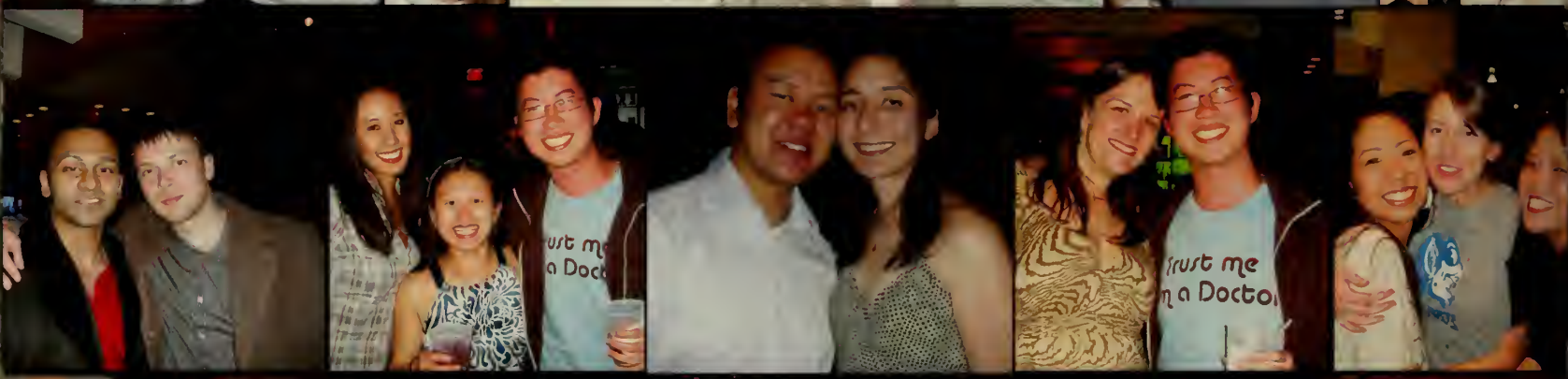
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Neurological Surgery

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Radiation Oncology

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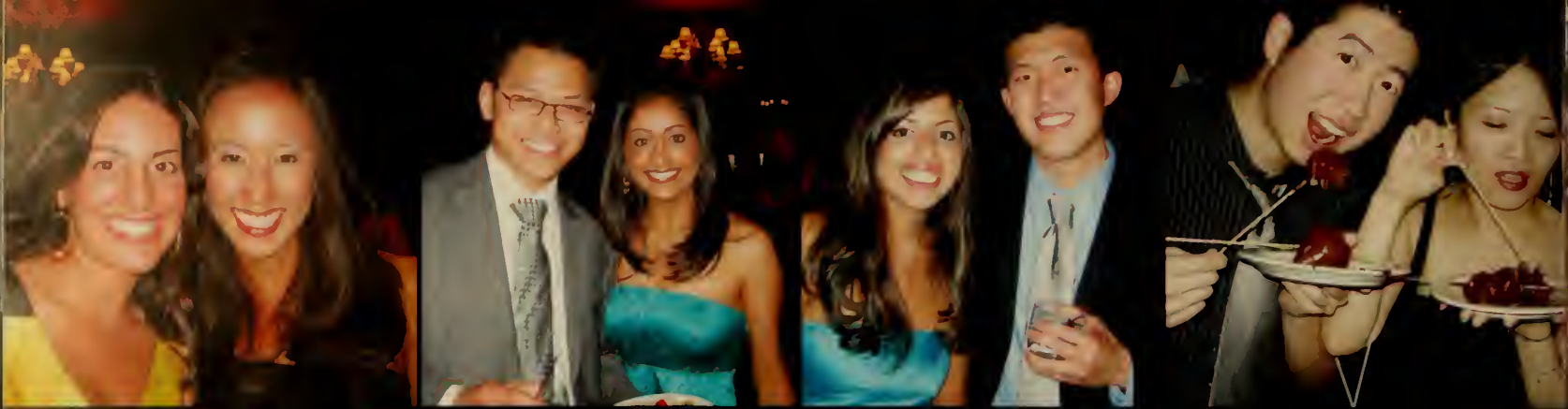
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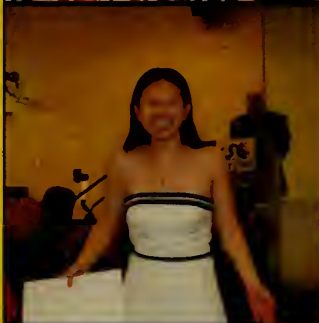
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 Jeremy Davis
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 Eric Ginsberg
 James Heilman
 Ingrid Hyder
 Adam Jester
 Brent Jewett
 Kathryn Jones
 Paulomi Kadakia
 Anthony Miller
 Vanessa Papalazaros
 Heather Parsons
 Lindsay Phammer
 Daniel Pinney
 Taylor Pollei
 Meena Ramchandani
 Veronica Ramirez
 Madhury Ray
 Joshua Roelrich
 Michael Sasso
 Svetla Shah
 Kathleen Schenker
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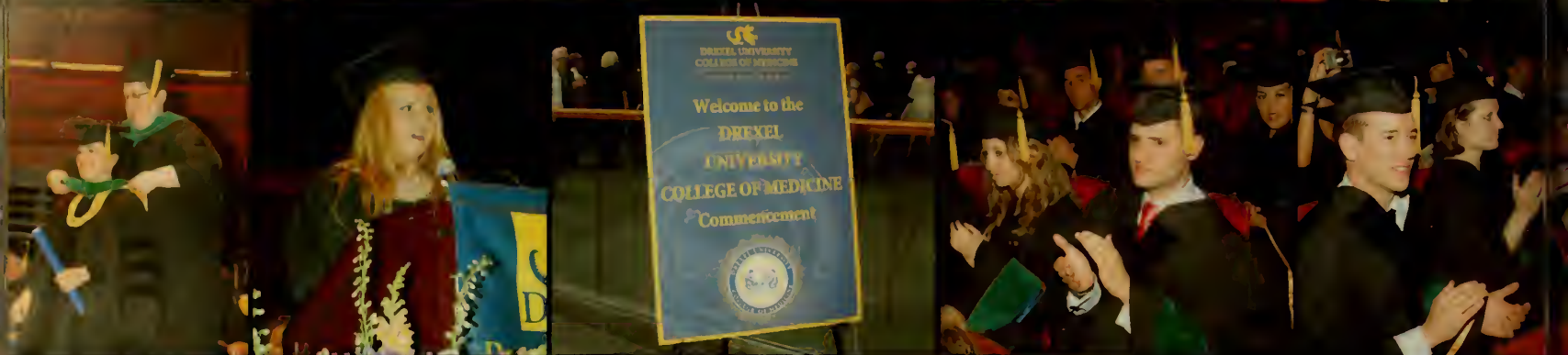


Dean's Award Winners

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Halima Amjad	Lindsay Phammer
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Lisa Bartels	Jennifer Rasmussen
Melissa Burgess	Julie Rosenthal
Rajit Chakravarty	Christopher Rowan
Shin-Bey Chang	Konrad Sarosiek*
Brian Chen	Michael Sasso
Steve Choe	David Saul
Catherine Choi	Ryan Schroeder
Elizabeth Clabby*	Dorian Schuman-Werb
Megan Crochet*	Svetla Shah*
Emilia Cuneo*	Helen Shum
Christine D'Alliene	Emily Siegel
Ryan DeBlis	Justin Singer*
Blair Dickinson	Ashlee Snyder
Keri Fugarolas	Grant Swisher
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Cynthia Hsu	Andrew Torre-Healy*
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Matthew Kusulas	Grant Williams
Randi Leigh	Revital Yehzekel
Karen Leong	Eun-Mi Yu
Max Marchenko	

*Received more than one award







Oath Of Hippocrates

I solemnly swear or affirm, by whatever
I hold most sacred:

That I will be loyal to the profession of
medicine and just and generous to its
members;

That I will lead my life and practice my
art in uprightness and in honor;

That into whatsoever house I shall
enter, it shall be for the good of the sick
to the utmost of my power, holding
myself far aloof from wrong, from
corruption, from the tempting of others
to vice;

That I will exercise my art solely for the
benefit of my patient, and will give no
drug, or perform no operation, for a
criminal purpose, even if solicited, far
less suggest it;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of
the lives of patients which is not fitting
to be spoken, I will keep inviolably
secret.

These things I do swear or affirm.





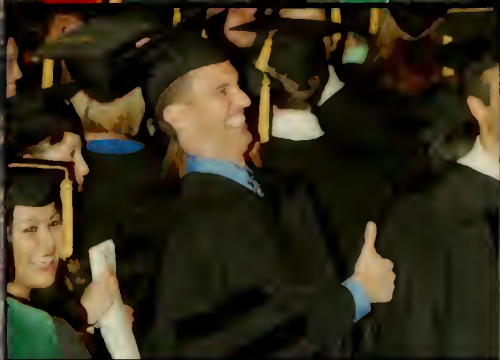


two thousand nine / [2009] [noun] (yr.)

1. an unforgettable year filled with great memories.
2. an extraordinary learning experience. 3. where knowledge was gained and goals were achieved.
4. a period of time spent with close friends and teachers. 5. a phase in life involving countless moments of laughter. 6. a school year containing many accomplishments.





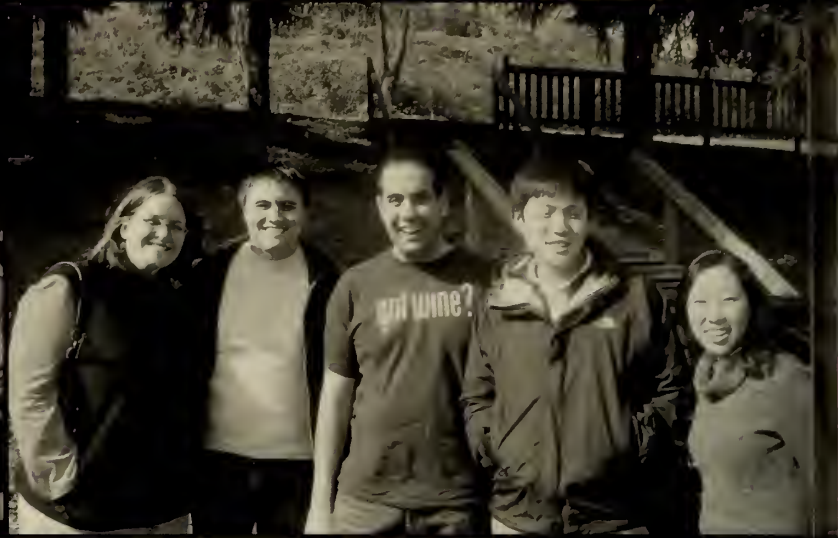


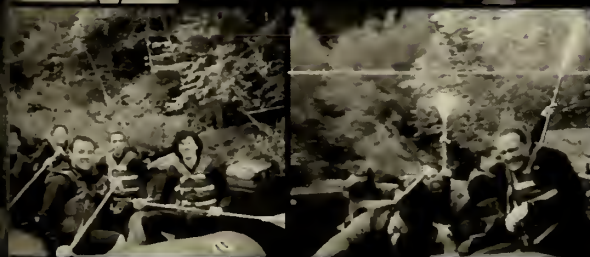


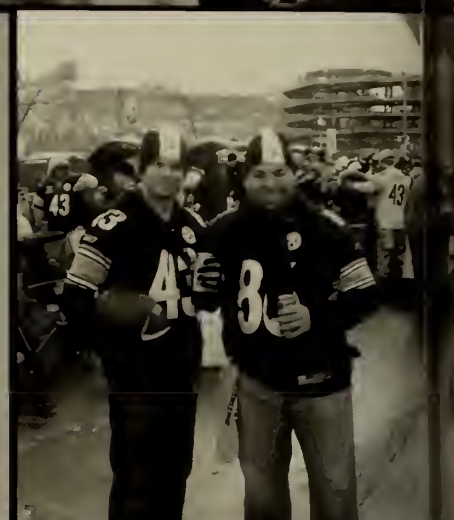














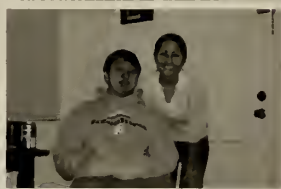
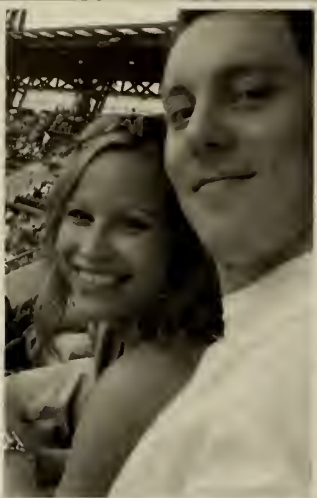


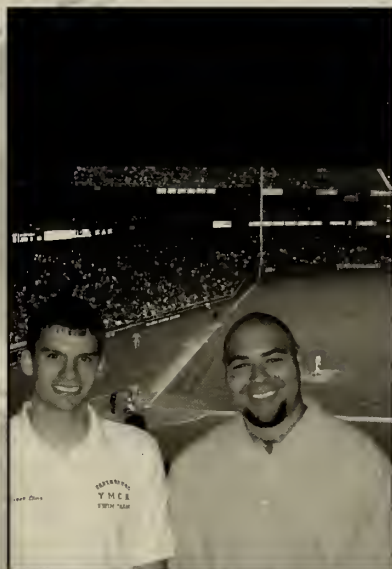
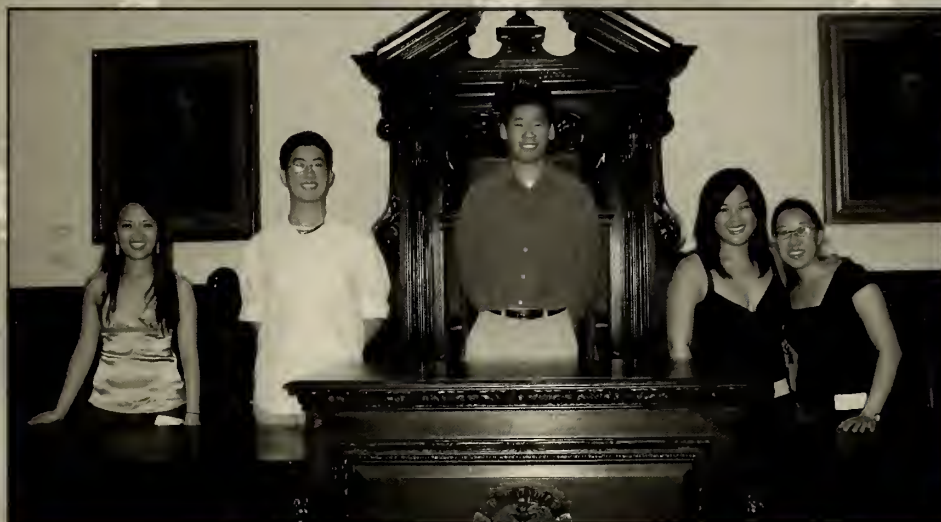
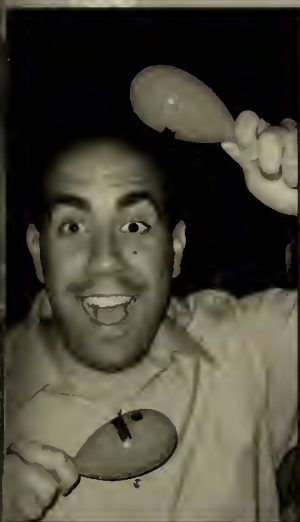


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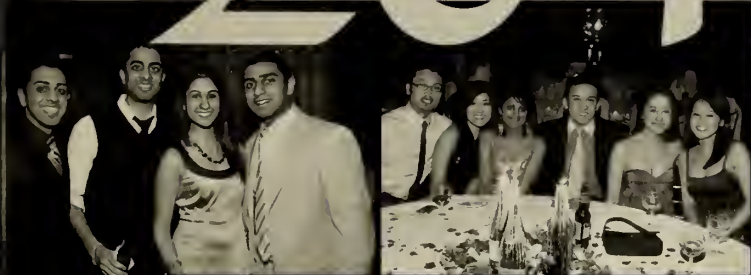


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Farewell from the Editors

This past year granted us the very special opportunity to see each of you in a very personal way. We shared in your happiest and favorite moments through an amazing collection of photos and the touching words you dedicated to your family and friends. We also saw a side of you we had not previously known through the heartfelt and proud dedications written on your behalf by people who knew you way before any of us even knew what a white coat was. And let's not forget those absolutely adorable baby pictures!

We pestered and filled your mailboxes in our attempt to include as many people as possible, so that each of us will be able to look back at this snapshot and feel happy and proud to have gone through the past four years together.

We also must give a very special thanks to Shay Myers and Phil Klein, our representative at Jostens, for their patience and support along the way. Also, to the SGA Officers, the Office of Student Affairs, Carl Wolf Studios, the underclassmen yearbook editors, and of course the internet (which allowed us to work while unfortunately never in the same place!).

And very special thanks to our families and friends who put up with us and supported us as we worked on this yearbook.

Congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 2009!

Sincerely,

Carol Liu, Vanessa Papalazaros, and Cathy Tello



Carol



Vanessa



Cathy

Messages From Loved Ones

Anthony,

I am proud of your achievement in pursuing your goal to become a Doctor. You have worked hard. I wish you much success as you start your career.

Lots of love,

MeMom

Dear Anthony,

Congratulations on your graduation from medical school. What a great accomplishment this is for you! We wish you continued success in your residency and in your future endeavors. We are very proud of you.

Love,

Aunt Maria and Uncle Joe

To Anthony F. Miller

Congratulations!

Love, Aunt Dee Dee

Michael David Pearson, M.D.:

We are proud of you! You set a big goal and conquered it and, all the while you were the best husband and the most loving dad. May God continue to bless you and our family.

Love,

Michelle, Brighton, and Maddilyn Pearson

To Timothy Ewald M.D. - Congratulations on your achievement! Best of luck to you in your residency, and to you and Tara as you continue together on this challenging and rewarding life path. Our love and support always.

Mom, Dad, Terri, Steve, Sylvia, and Bonnie

Brandi Musselman, M.D.

We are so proud of you! Your heart is so beautiful. With your love for people and knowledge, you will change the world! Hugs! We love you, Doc!

God Bless you,

Mom, Dad, Blair, Niki, and Doug

Missy,

We are all so proud of your accomplishments and know that you will become a wonderful, caring doctor. We wish you much success and happiness in your future endeavors.

With all our love and support,

Mom, Matt, and Kim

To Lisa Wong, M.D.

Congratulations Lisa for achieving this milestone in your journey to becoming a doctor! We are very proud of you and your hard work.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Albert

"For I can do everything through Christ, who give me strength." Philippians 4:13

Messages From Loved Ones

Dr. Christopher Lohr

You made your seemingly impossible dream come true. We admire you for using your many gifts to help others.

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Brian, Kelly



Emilia,
Congratulations! You have followed your dream to become an M.D. Qualities such as compassion and the desire to learn have made that dream come true. Your family is so proud of you.

Mom, Stephen, Mindy, and Karyn

Querido Nieto Andrés -

¡Que felicidad graduar de la escuela de medico, y con honores! Desde los primeros días de tu vida, Papo y yo siempre decíamos "este niño es muy inteligente". Estoy muy orgullosa, y se que Papo está también. Que Dios te guarde.

Te amo, Abuelita

Congratulations Dr. William Woo! We are proud of ALL your accomplishments from childhood to present... Little League, Character Coalition, Student of the Year, published research, M.D. ... We wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

Love, Mom and Dad

To Brent Jewett,

"We all dance to a mysterious tune, intoned in the distance by an invisible piper." - Albert Einstein
Stay focused and keep listening to your piper. We're proud of your accomplishments. Congratulations.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Scott and Richard

Congratulations Dr. Revital Yehezkel! We love you and are so proud of you and the path of service that you have chosen. May you always be blessed with wisdom, compassion, humility, good friends, good health and happiness. Dada Fred, Mama Ruth and Papa Joe are smiling down at you and sharing this moment. With love and blessings from Aba, Ima, Yoni, Nana Esther and the entire Yehezkel and Solomon family.

To Vanessa Papalazaros,

Congratulations, you've worked hard to make your dream a reality. We're very proud of you and know you will be a caring and compassionate doctor.

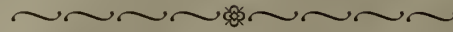
Love always,

Mom & Selena

Messages From Loved Ones

Dr. Ryan Schroeder:

Congratulations! Your dream of becoming a doctor has finally come true. We're prouder than you can imagine. Good luck with the next chapter of your life. Love,
Mom, Dad, and Nikki



Scott Kuhimoto:

"Graduation is the beginning of your real life. Now the future is yours!" ~Ji-chan
Congratulations! We are very proud of you.
Ji-chan, Ba-chan, and Uncle Mark



Scott,
Now that you're a doc
You'll be working 'round the clock
But loving every bit of it!
In our eyes you're a hit.
We're so proud of you.
That's it!

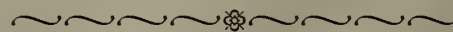
Paulette, Richard, Michael, and Lindsay

Congratulations, Scott! You survived four years of east coast weather, little sleep, and cramped quarters. We look forward to having our first doctor in the family!! Best wishes for a job well done!

Uncle Am, Auntie Janet, Janine, and Lea

Congratulations Scott on your wonderful achievement! You have such a bright future ahead; we look forward to all your future accomplishments, and, your expert medical advice.

Love, Uncle Art, Auntie Sachi, Lauren, Kaydi, and Grant



Jessica Jude Logan, M.D.

Congratulations on your graduation. Best now and always. I knew you could do it!!! Im so proud of you!!!
Love,

Uncle Jack

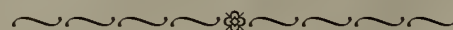
Jessica Logan, M.D.

We're so proud of everything you've done. You have a kind and loving heart. Your abilities will benefit your patients.

Love,

Aunt Dee, Uncle Andy, Andrew, and Nick

So when do we get to work together? Dee



James Lim:

Congratulations on your achievement. We are so proud of you.

With love,

Mom, Dad, and Kenneth



Dear Halima,

Congratulations and great job! You've finally reached the goal you set for yourself so long ago of becoming a doctor! We're proud of you and your accomplishment even though being a physician is not quite like being a dentist like the rest of the family. Good luck and have fun in residency!

With love,
Mommy, Daddy, Hammad, Apa, & Adnan

Andrew Michael, M.D.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

As we always put our faith in the Lord, we put our trust in you, Andrew. You proved you are worthy of our trust and hope. You pleasantly surprised us with your achievements. As always we are proud of you. We pray you will lead a successful, prosperous and healthy life and grow in your relationship with the Lord. May God bless you and protect you.

**Love you always,
Mom and Dad**



To Dr. "Feel Good", AKA The Rock Star:



You done good, Dr. Plakas. We know it's been a long trip. From Queens and "Don't call me Christos! Call me C." We're all so proud of you.

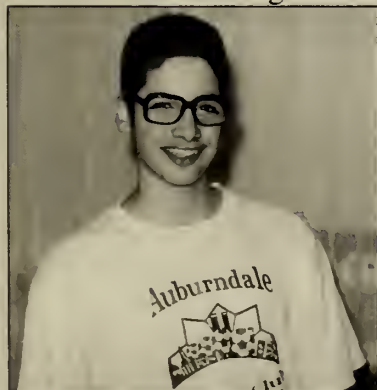
And some words of wisdom for the years ahead:

Sterile high five! And the miracle high five!

"My mom says I'm the most handsome doctor in school" and

"Being a champion means you are willing to go longer, work harder, and give more than anyone else" -Vince Lombardi

Love,
Your family



David Todd Saul, M.D.

Keep on rockin', Dave!



We are so incredibly proud of you!
Best of luck in your medical career!

From your biggest fans,
Mom, Dad, Anna, Maria, Ross, Pop, & Bub

"Success is what gets you to what you think is most important."



Sandeep K. Mayur, M.D.

Your discipline, determination, and devotion paid
off. Heartiest congratulations.

Love all serve all, Doctor.

We are so proud of you.

Your biggest fans,
Mom, Dad, Mona, and entire Mayur & Rao families

Congratulations, Topher!!

What a wild ride - speed bumps, twisty
turns, and it's not over yet! Enjoy the
journey, blaze your own trail, but level
the path for others to follow.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Cal, Kim, And Honora

Amanda M. DiNofia, M.D.

Congratulations on realizing your life long
dream. You have a bright and promising future
and we wish you happiness and fulfillment as
you embark on your mission to heal the
children. May God bless you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Family

Dear Rudy,

Ever since you were a little boy,
we knew that you were special.
When you were four years old, you
sat on Santa's knee, handed him a
penny and said, "Everyone wants
something from you, Santa, so I
am giving you a gift today."
When you were in Kindergarten,
your dream was to be a physician.
From that very first day of
school, you have not missed one
day of school. Your
determination and dedication has
carried you to this special
graduation day. We have watched
you grow over the last 25 years;
we admire your gifts of
independence, hard work, and
tenacity. We value your
compassion and caring for others,
realizing what a blessing you are
to everyone you touch. We are so
fortunate to have you for a son.
We love you! Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Shireen Joon!



Our Dearest Shireen,

From a precious little baby, we have watched you grow and blossom into a beautiful young lady. Through hard work and dedication you've accomplished so much. We know that your future is bright and whatever obstacles that may come your way, you will overcome them.

You are a strong, smart, courageous, and loving young woman with a wonderful life ahead of you.

We are so proud of you and all your achievements.

Congratulations Dr. Shireen Ghorbani Joon. We love you very much.

Mom, Dad, Ariyan, and Kim

RYAN CHRISTOPHER DEBLIS, M.D.

"... Seek always to do some good, somewhere. Every man has to see his own way to realize his true worth. You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who need help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. Be assured that no kindness, however small and trivial, is ever wasted.

For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers and sisters are here, too"

Albert Schweitzer



Ryan:

Congratulations! We love you and are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Courtney, Michael,
Coco, Grandma, and Uncle Mark

Scott F. Allen, M.D.

We're proud of you for working hard and living your dream of becoming a doctor. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Mark

Eric S. Ginsberg, M.D.

Congratulations on your graduation. We are so proud of your determination and success. We love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Danny, Jared, & Rachel

Heather Parsons, M.D.

Congratulations Heather on achieving your next step in life's journey. We are so proud and wish you continued blessings.

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Melissa, Ashleigh, & Ben

Stephanie Marie Rubino, M.D.



Stephanie,
So mature even as a child,
Always determined to succeed
You have accomplished so much
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jessie, Joey, and Anthony

Anthony Miller, M.D.

Dear Anthony,

We have never underestimated your talents, intelligence, and perseverance. You are an achiever and now you have achieved one of your ultimate goals.

Congratulations, Doctor! We are all so proud of you and know that this is just the beginning of all the opportunities that lie ahead for you.

You are a very special man and will be a very special doctor. Thanks for the braggings rights!!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Phil, and Chris



Cathy Tello, M.D.



Cathy:

No podrian haber padres mas orgullosos que nosotros por los logros que has alcanzado. El esfuerzo y sacrificio que has puesto para conseguir lo que te propusiste han dado sus frutos. Ahora comenzaras una nueva etapa de tu vida y esperamos que lo disfrutes plenamente. Recibe nuestras mas efusivas y cariñosas felicitaciones como tambien el de toda la familia.

Freund, Luz, Danny, Joseph, Nicole, e Isabelle



Congratulations dear
Cathy, keep always
following your dreams and
making them happen. With
your drive and invincible will
power we know you will
always get them to come
true, for you and for us.

Mom



We are so proud of you. Your success is the sum of all the small efforts you made, repeated day in and day out. We know there were times when trying to achieve your goal brought a lot of hardship. But in the time of need you have shown the courage needed to persevere. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.

Joe, Nicole, & Isabelle



Congratulations Chanelle A. Coble!!!

Our First Medical Doctor

It seemed like yesterday you were asking for a doctor's set for Christmas.



We knew you loved to learn, so it wasn't a surprise when you enrolled at The George Washington University. We were just happy to have you back in D.C.



And now it's graduation time!!!



Then it was off to Rutgers University, where you awed us with your discipline towards your studies and commitment to the community around you.



But we knew that you had more to accomplish...a calling to fulfill. So it was off to Drexel University, where a "White Coat" waited for you.



We are so proud of you Chanelle.

Your perseverance, intelligence, and compassion continue to inspire your family.



WE LOVE YOU



Mom, Dad, Grandmas Simms & Coble,
Danielle, and Michael



Jesse Ryan Wyatt, M.D.

Congratulations! We are extremely proud of you, Jesse. You have worked very hard to fulfill your dream. You are going to be a wonderful, caring doctor.

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Lindsay, and Colby

Ade,

"To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he has already achieved, but at what he aspires to"

- Kahil Gibran

We are so proud to be your family.

Love,

Sharon, Alex, and Aeryn

Andrew L. Geisler, M.D.



Andrew, you are finally and M.D.
How long we waited for this day to be.
You have fulfilled your ambitious yearning
Too bad there are four more years of learning.

With Love and Congratulations,
Mom, Dad, Grandma, Rich, Lori, Nick, & Eric

Dear Michael J. Vizcarra, M.D.

We thought about going 'easy' on you and keeping it simple and then realized this is not possible. If there was ever a time to tell you how very much we love you and how proud we are, it is now!

From the time when you were three when you first indicated you wanted to be a doctor like Daddy, I watched you. You took all the steps to achieve that goal and never gave up - always displaying your amazing good nature and wonderful spirit.

You bring love, laughter, and sunshine into the lives of all those lucky enough to know you. From your perseverance in becoming an Eagle Scout, through your tutoring of classmates, and being awarded a trip to France for being the best student at Le Lycee Francais to early decision at Stanford, we have always been so proud. Of course when you went to Guatemala to build bridges for the indigent, it was just another example of your giving nature.

How could we NOT feel like the luckiest family in the world - to think that we had a small part in making you the wonderful man you are...the M'D could stand for Most Dedicated to bringing joy to your family and wonderful compassion and care to your patients.

Quite simply, the world is a better place because of you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MIKEY!

Mom, Dad, and Andy

P.S. Now Dad and I can retire and Andy can start law school!





Andrew, you once said to me, as a very young boy, "Mom, I want to be a doctor." And here you are! Your hard work and dedication have brought you face-to-face with wonderful accomplishments. You must feel a deep sense of satisfaction and pride. With your passion, devotion and desire to help others, this profession is truly yours. You will be the doctor you want to be. We love you so much and have enjoyed your journey immensely. You have been a terrific inspiration for Luke, and you know there are big smiles from heaven. Here's to a new beginning...

With best wishes and all our love ~Mom, Dad, and Luke

CONGRATULATIONS TO

DR. ANDREW TORRE HEALY

We are so proud of all your accomplishments Andrew and we wish you much success and a wonderful and bright future. We have no doubt that you will excel in everything you do.

Love, Aunt Adriana, Chris & Lauren

To Alexandra, Solnushka

You bring me joy, love, and comfort every day of my life. I am so blessed that I will soon see the day you will start to bring joy with your smile, love with your words, and comfort with your hands to so many when they are lost in the dark.

Mama



Marjorie,

We are so proud of all of your accomplishments including your induction into the **Alpha-Omega-Alpha National Medical School Honor Society** ...You have indeed "become the Doctor your Mother always wanted you to marry", if I may quote my favorite Drexel Med AMWA t-shirt!!!

All our love, Mom & Dad



Hassan,

We are so proud of you and all your hard work. You are an amazing person and your loving and kind personality will help you develop into a wonderful and caring doctor.

With love from your biggest fans,
Mom, Dad, & brother Raza

Lauren Michelle Wiesner, M.D.



You bring light to those lives that you touch. It has given us great joy as we have watched your perseverance and caring spirit bring you to this place.
Congratulations! Love,
Dad & Mom

Jenna Lynn Kosky, M.D.



From
Kindergarten to
Medical School, we
have always been so
proud of you.

**Congratulations
Dr. Kosky!**

~ We love you ~

Mom & Dad
Jason & Colleen
Grandma & Grandpa
Bella



Dear Jessica,

We want you to know that we love you every bit as much today as the day you were born. And though we may not hold you in our arms the way we did then, we will eternally hold you safely in our thoughts and in our hearts. We are so proud of you for the noble profession you have chosen to enter to help others. May your graduation be the start of a future that brings all the wonderful things you deserve.

Some words of advice as you begin to practice the art of healing:

Trust yourself though others doubt you. Conquer the fears that limit what you dare.
You can enrich the world about you with the skills and talents that are yours to share.

Balance your dreams with practicality. Deal in facts, but never lose your ideals.

Be courageous when defeated and humble in the face of victory.

Give your best until the tasks completed however difficult that task may be.

Strive to reach a prize until you get it. Never fail to help someone who falls.

Temper facts with understanding. Manage well the things in your control.

Keep in mind the worth of every soul. See, not with your eyes, but with your heart.

You'll be successful. All those around you will be the richer for your womanhood.

If we cannot live a life for others, life is not worth living. Mother Teresa

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder

May you never take one single breath for granted

I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean

(Yes, you are small, but you're also irreplaceable, invaluable, and miraculous.)

Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens

(Suddenly you're on the threshold of a brand new tomorrow.)

Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance

Never settle for the path of least resistance

Living might mean taking chances but they're worth taking

(Take a chance, take a ticket, take a fast train to the coast. No guts, no glory.)

When you come close to selling out reconsider

Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance

Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along.

No one wants to look back on their years and wonder where those years have gone.

Dive off the high board, ride with the top down, sing with a voice all your own.

Promise mommy and daddy that when you get the choice to sit it out or dance,

You'll dance, just dance!

LOVE YOU FOREVER AND EVER,
MOM AND DAD



Dear Jessica:

On your graduation day our message comes from Heaven above to our angel on Earth. We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. We are so proud to have Jessica Jude Logan, M.D. as our beloved granddaughter. We will look in on you from time to time to help you through the rough spots. Remember always:
AD ASTRA PER ASPERA (A rough road leads to the stars.).

Our eternal love, from the proudest Grandma and Grandpa in Heaven.



Congratulations

Lakshmi Cristina Aggarwal, M.D.

We are very proud of your accomplishment.

*With Love,
Mom, Dad, and Vashali*



Confucius said, "Do what you enjoy and you will not be working".

After many years of perseverance and hard work, you have achieved a major milestone.

Hearty congratulations from your parents & siblings and best wishes going forward!!



Shauna Leigh Guthrie, M.D.



We often discover what will do by finding out
what will not do; and probably (the one) who
never made a mistake never made a discovery
- Samuel Smiles

With love from,
The Guthrie Clan

Justin Alan Singer, M.D.

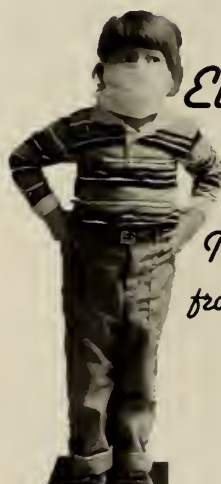


With love, pride, and congratulations on a
fantastic accomplishment.
The dedication to your goal has been an
inspiration to all who know you.
Continued success and happiness from
Mom, Dad, David, Lori, and Emily

Scott Minoru Kubomoto, M.D.



*Congratulations Scott!
You have grown up to be a fine young man.
We are very proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Lisa*



*Even Then He Knew!
Congratulations
to
Matthew Hirsch, M.D.
from Mom, Dad, Dan, Baba,
& Papa!*



Best wishes to the Drexel University College of Medicine Class of
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from the Department of Pediatrics, Drexel University College of Medicine
and all the Medical Staff of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children



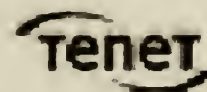
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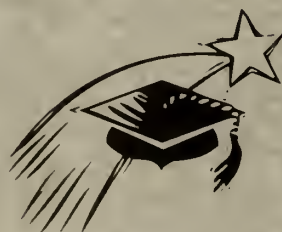
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Pro re nata

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to the Class of 2009



*Face today with faith and courage.
Hold fast with thanks to that which is good.
Greet the future in astonishment and joy.
With great pride and joy, we Honor the
Drexel University College of Medicine
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Congratulations!*

**From the Drexel University College Of Medicine
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Betsy Clavin Maxwell and Wheeler Maxwell

Weddings and Babies of Class 2009



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Jennifer Rasmussen



Justin Singer

Georgia Ragone & DH Sabell



Cynthia Hau



Veronica Ramirez, with



their baby, now Ramirez

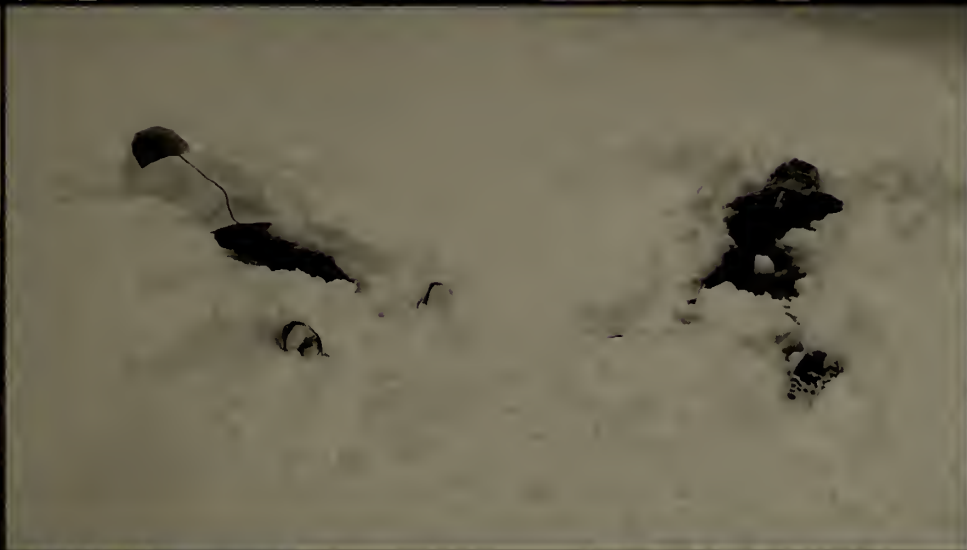


Michael Chang and Kristen

Richard Hurst's kids













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